



Volunteer Application

The DC Fashion Foundation

Our Mission

The DC Fashion Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization supporting the fashion business community in the Washington, DC area through educational programs, workforce training initiatives, and networking and mentoring opportunities. The Foundation strives to:

- Develop entrepreneurs' business skills and workforce preparedness
- Improve the quality and availability of fashion industry opportunities
- Strengthen the connections and networks that form the foundation of the Washington, DC fashion community

Our Programs

DC Fashion Incubator at Macy's Metro Center

The premier program of the DC Fashion Foundation, the DC Fashion Incubator is a two-year residency in a glass-enclosed design and learning space at Macy's Metro Center. This application-only program offers space to work and showcase designs, seminars on business development, access to mentors and networking, and specialized consulting. The next class of DC Fashion Foundation Designers-in-Residence will begin in October 2017 and end in September 2019. Applications for next class will begin in Spring 2019.

DC Fashion Foundation Public Program

Open to all stakeholders in the DC fashion industry, the Public Program seminars encourage and equip talented local professionals to maintain and grow their businesses in the Washington, DC area. It offers a track for designers, a track for business leaders, and a hybrid track.

Fashion Showcase Series

These joint runway presentations, pop-up boutiques, and networking events draw together hundreds from the Washington, DC fashion community. Hosted at storied DC venues such as the W Hotel and Southwest Arts Club, these showcases provide an opportunity for designers, event planners, university students, and journalists to display and market their creativity and talents.

Internships for Credit

The DC Fashion Foundation partners with local colleges and universities to design enriching internship programs. Local students have the opportunity to independently manage a high-stakes workstream, from interacting directly with industry press to playing a crucial role in event management and execution.

Our Volunteers

Volunteers are vital to the success of DC Fashion Foundation programs and events. The Foundation strives to craft positions that are personally relevant to and fulfilling for each volunteer, and that will make a meaningful impact on the Foundation.

Our volunteer opportunities are highly varied. We invite makeup artists and events professionals to demonstrate their talents on runway models during our Fashion Showcase Series. We welcome local high school, college or university, and graduate students to learn what it is like to staff a runway show, or to plan and execute another event behind-the-scenes. And we appreciate volunteers who take on specialized projects. Past examples include pro-bono professional services in support of our non-profit organization, website revitalization, and sponsorship strategy formation.

We welcome and are grateful for volunteers with diverse interests, with any background or skill level, and who can commit to any timeframe.

Please complete the application below and submit it to info@dcfashionfoundation.org. Please send questions on the application submission process to info@dcfashionfoundation.org or call (202) 355-3929.

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Instructions

Complete the application by either:

- Directly editing this PDF with text boxes and images.
- Copying-and-pasting the questions into a Word document and typing your answers.
- Printing this document, hand-writing answers, and scanning your completed application to convert it into an electronic format.

Introduction

Name

Phone

Email

Mailing Address

Birth date

Please bold or circle: Are you a student?

- Yes, I am a high school student
- Yes, I am enrolled in a post-high school educational institution (e.g. community college, local college or university, graduate school)
- No

If yes to the above question: What is the name of the school or educational institution where you are enrolled?

Please bold or circle: Are you employed?

- Yes
- No

If yes to the above question: What is the name of the organization or company where you are employed?

Volunteer Interests

Please bold or circle: Which of the below programs would you be interested in

- DC Fashion Incubator at Macy's, Designer-in-Residence Program
- DC Fashion Incubator at Macy's, Public Program
- Fashion Showcase Series
- Specialized projects/ general non-profit development

Please describe the kinds of roles and opportunities that would interest you:

Please describe the time commitment that you are able to make. Note that the Foundation welcomes volunteers across a range of commitment levels.

Please submit your application in electronic format to info@dcfashionfoundation.org. We invite you to also attach a resume or any other supplemental materials that you deem helpful and important to your submission email.

Thank you for your interest in the DC Fashion Foundation and support of the Washington, DC business community!