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Bowers Museum Expands Junior Ambassadors Program



Junior Ambassador leading a gallery tour of the World of the Terracotta Warriors exhibition, 2025.

Santa Ana, CA — On Thursday, April 2, 2026, the Bowers Museum announces a major expansion of its Junior Ambassadors Program, launching with the new school year. Recruitment begins in May, with enrollment opening in June 2026. For the first time, the program is open to Orange County high school students in grades 10–12 whose families hold an active Family Membership or above—broadening access to this highly regarded youth initiative.

The Junior Ambassadors Program provides students with hands-on experience in a museum setting while developing public speaking, presentation, and leadership skills. Participants engage directly with visitors, share insights about global artworks, and gain a deeper appreciation for art and cultural history. Upon completion of training students will earn volunteer hours for community services beginning in July.

Founded more than 20 years ago, the program has served over 100 students, many of whom have gone on to attend top universities. Through mentorship from museum staff and docents, participants build valuable academic and interpersonal skills.

An upcoming Open House will offer prospective students and families the opportunity to learn more, meet staff, and ask questions. RSVP details are available on the museum's website.

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Applicants must be entering grades 10–12 in Fall 2026 and will be selected through an application and interview process. Interest in art, culture, and history is encouraged.

By expanding eligibility, the Bowers Museum continues its commitment to increasing access and inspiring the next generation of culturally engaged leaders.

**Junior Ambassador Open House
Details:**

- **Event Date:** Thursday May 2, 2026
- **Location:** Bowers Museum, Norma Kershaw Auditorium
- **Event Time:** 10 – 11 AM
- **RSVP:** Contact Alice Yuan, Asian Audience Specialist, at ayuan@bowers.org



Bowers Junior Ambassadors group photo in front of the Asian Comics exhibition entrance, 2024.

About Bowers Museum: Bowers Museum is a nonprofit institution located in the historic heart of Orange County in Santa Ana, California. For 90 years, it has showcased art and artifacts from cultures around the world through nine permanent collection galleries and dynamic rotating exhibitions. As the largest museum in Orange County, Bowers has been voted “Best Museum” by OC Register readers for 32 consecutive years (2025). In partnership with world-class institutions, its renowned exhibitions have included *Terracotta Warriors*; *Mummies: Death and the Afterlife in Ancient Egypt*, *Treasures of the British Museum*; and *Guo Pei: Art of Couture*.

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