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**Applications will be processed according to the following criteria and procedures:**

**Group 1:** Current YN students, program alumni, and siblings of current students

▪ **Group 1 Applications Open: Monday November 27<sup>th</sup> 2023**

▪ **Group 1 Applications Close: Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> 2023**

▪ **Group 1 Contract and Deposit Due: Friday January 5<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Group 1 applications MUST be submitted by the deadline of December 8<sup>th</sup> to receive prioritized placement.

- Group 1 applicants will be placed according to their first choice class selection.
  - Placements are not done on a “first come, first serve” basis.
  - If applications exceed the maximum size for a class, placements are determined by lottery.
- Those not placed in their first choice will be placed in their second choice and added to the waitlist for their first choice class.
  - Third choice placements are made as necessary.
  - Any Group 1 applicants not placed in a class will be added to waitlists for interested classes.
- Group 1 contracts and placements will be distributed within a week of the application deadline.
  - These must be returned with a **non-refundable** \$65 registration fee along with 10% of the tuition, by **January 5<sup>th</sup>** to secure class placement.
    - Failure to return contract and payment by the deadline could result in loss of the offered slot.
    - Spots **cannot** be held once Group 2 placements begin.

**Group 2:** Museum Members

▪ **Group 2 Applications Open: Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> 2024**

▪ **Group 2 Applications Close: Wednesday January 31<sup>st</sup> 2024**

▪ **Group 1 Contract and Deposit Due: Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024**

Group 2 applications MUST be submitted by the deadline of January 31<sup>st</sup> to receive prioritized placement.

- Group 2 applicants will be placed according to their first choice class selection.
  - Placements are not done on a “first come, first serve” basis.
  - If applications exceed the maximum size for a class, placements are determined by lottery.
- Group 2 applicants not placed in their first choice will be placed in their second choice with subsequent lotteries (if needed) and added to the waitlist for their first choice class.
  - Third choice placements are made as necessary.
  - Any Group 2 applicants not placed in a class will be added to waitlists for interested classes.
- Group 2 contracts and waitlist notifications will be distributed within a week of the application deadline.
  - These must be returned with a **non-refundable** \$65 registration fee along with 10% of the tuition, by **February 23<sup>rd</sup>** to secure class placement.

- Failure to return contract and payment by the deadline could result in loss of the offered slot.
  - Spots **cannot** be held once Group 3 registration begins

### **Group 3: General Public**

- Group 3 application period will begin on **Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2024.**
  - Applicants will be added to remaining class slots or waitlists **according to application submission date.**
- The signed contract, the \$65 registration fee, and 10% of the tuition will be due back within 2 weeks of notification of class placement.
  - Contract and payment due within 1 week of notification of class placement if applying after August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Group 3 applications remain open until the start of the school year.