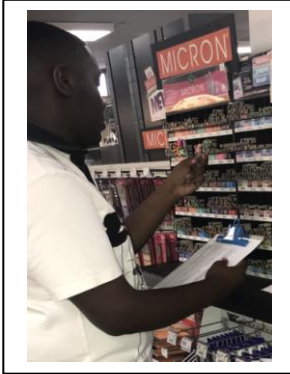


Larry Fullwood, Jr.
Aspiring Visual Artist



My AnnieRuth Foundation Summer Internship Program experience landed me at Reddi-Arts; a family- owned business that offers the largest, most diverse selection of artist materials and supplies, gift items and custom framing choices in North Florida. Reddi-Arts has many departments including the art supply store, small gallery, custom framing/assembly and warehouse.

During my internship experience, I worked with Ms. Jade and Ms. Jen, learning the basics of the front counter of the art supply store. This included learning the fundamentals of the point of sale system, inventory tracking, general maintenance of art supplies and customer service. In the custom framing department, I worked with Ms. Patty, Ms Deatria, and Mr. Rodney. I learned the process for custom framing which starts with assistance with frame selection, measuring the piece, researching & calculating costs. Once an order is placed the frame is constructed (measuring, cutting) by hand using various electric machinery. Then the frame is delivered to assembly where the entire project is put together (matting, glass, packaging, etc.). In the warehouse I worked with Mr. Dewalt to collect inventory (following bulk shipment) and place it in the art supply store.

My internship at Reddi-Arts has prepared be to become a visual artist by showing me the processes required to produce a finished work of art; from obtaining raw materials, creating the piece, framing, and final assembly. I am grateful to the AnnieRuth Foundation for selecting me as a 2019 Award Recipient.