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Furloughed Federal Workers and Their Families Have Free Admission to Bruce Museum During the Shutdown

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The Bruce Museum in Greenwich is offering free admission to all furloughed federal workers and their families throughout the remainder of the partial federal government shutdown.

— *an announcement from the* [Bruce Museum](#)

“The Bruce Museum is committed to being an inclusive, welcoming place of cultural engagement and community fellowship,” said Suzanne Lio, managing director.

“This is surely a trying time for these federal employees, and we’re pleased to be able to give them the opportunity to enjoy our exhibitions and family programs – and to feel appreciated.”

—*See also:* [Federal Workers Not Getting Wages Now Can Get Help from Darien Town Government](#) (*Jan.*

To receive free admission, federal employees must bring a government identification card and present it at the Visitor Services desk upon entering the museum.

Not Just Furloughed Federal Workers

In addition to this temporary offer to furloughed federal workers, the Bruce Museum is a proud participant in the Blue Star Museums program, offering free admission year-round to all active-duty **U.S. military personnel** and their families with identification.

The Bruce also takes part in Museums for All, an initiative of the Institute of Museum & Library Services that gives up to four individuals in the same group free admission with the presentation of **one EBT card**. This program is in effect during regular business hours and does not apply to lectures or other special programs.

What's more, the Bruce offers free individual admission to **all visitors every Tuesday**.

Upcoming Special Programs

Upcoming special programs include **Winter Family Day** on Monday, January 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This special school-holiday program will feature arts projects and live performances that help put in perspective Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy and teachings.

Families are encouraged to give back on MLK Day and receive free admission by contributing a canned food item to our community food drive with Neighbor to Neighbor, a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving residents in need throughout the Greenwich area.

The Bruce Museum will be providing engaging experiences and activities for young children and their caregivers throughout the winter. Scheduled programs include:

- **Family Gallery Tours**, Sundays, 11:30 to 12:15 pm (ages 6-10)
- **Art Adventures**, Sundays, 1 to 3 p.m. (ages 4 and up)
Jan. 27: Create Your Own Cartoon
- **Science Sundays**, 1 to 3 p.m. (ages 4 and up)
Jan. 20: Building Design
- **Bruce Beginnings**, Tuesdays, 11 to 11:45 a.m. and 1 to 1:45 a.m. (ages 2.5 to 5)
Jan. 22: Arctic Pals
Jan. 29: Cartoon Time
- **Bruce Beginnings Jr.** (ages 10 to 24 months)
Feb. 14, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

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- **Design Time: Imagination Playground block play** (ages 2 and up)
Jan. 17, 1 to 2 p.m.