



NIAGARA FALLS UNDERGROUND RAILROAD HERITAGE CENTER

Museum Education Internship

Hours: 10 hours/week

Start Date: On or about January 7, 2020 (120 hours max)

Stipend: \$12.00/hour

The Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Commission, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We align with the American Alliance of Museums' position that diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion in all aspects of museum structure and programming are vital to the future viability, relevance, and sustainability of museums.

Background:

The mission of the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center is to reveal authentic stories of Underground Railroad freedom seekers and abolitionists in Niagara Falls and to inspire visitors to recognize modern injustices that stem from slavery and to take action toward an equitable society. The Heritage Center is an experiential museum operating every Tuesday through Sunday. We offer self-guided tours, facilitated guided tours, school field trips, and numerous public programs throughout the year.

Through meaningful interpretive experiences, engaging public programs, services and events, we expand each visitor's understanding of and appreciation for the Underground Railroad in Niagara Falls and the enduring impact of slavery in the United States.

Position Summary:

Museum Education Interns will perform two essential roles: (1) assist the Visitor Experience team in providing mission-aligned guided educational experiences to school children visiting the Heritage Center on school field trips; and (2) help develop curriculum content targeted to K-12 educators and students.

A successful candidate will have a love of history and a passion for K-12 education, will feel confident and comfortable providing educational experiences to visitors of different backgrounds, and will be able to complete detail-oriented tasks.

Essential Responsibilities:

- Guide and interpret:
 - Provide educational content to school children with accurate, interesting, and pertinent historical information about the Underground Railroad in Niagara Falls in an engaging, timely, and articulate manner through guided tours and visitors.

- Train in and implement a conversational facilitated dialogue with students, meeting them where they are and providing an impactful experience.
- Develop curriculum content:
 - Assist in the creation of lesson plans, student activities, and other educational materials that are aligned with the New York State Education Department standards and curriculum.

Minimum Qualifications:

- A passion for K-12 education.
- Interest in Niagara Falls history and African American studies.
- Demonstrated ability to work with a diverse group of colleagues and with visitors from diverse cultures and life experiences.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Responsible, flexible, punctual, detail-oriented and able to work well under pressure.
- Ability to take initiative and work creatively and effectively as a member of a team.

Special Requirements:

- Must be able to stand/walk for long periods on varying surfaces, inside and outside, and in a variety of conditions.
- Must be available to work weekday mornings.
- Need reliable transportation to and from the Heritage Center in Niagara Falls.

Qualified candidates should submit a resume and cover letter highlighting the Minimum Qualifications to:

Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center

info@niagarafallsundergroundrailroad.org or 825 Depot Ave. West, Niagara Falls, NY 14305

For more information on the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center and Area, please visit <http://niagarafallsundergroundrailroad.org/>.