Position Announcement

Title: Museum Interpreter (Part-Time)

Organization: Delaware Historical Society
505 N. Market Street, Wilmington, DE 19801

Status: Part-time; variable hours

Salary: $9.00/hour

Supervisor: Delaware Historical Society Curators of Education

The Delaware Historical Society serves as the statewide, non-profit organization that preserves, explores, shares and promotes Delaware history, heritage and culture to strengthen our community.

Position Description:
The Delaware Historical Society is currently seeking dynamic, open-minded, and enthusiastic individuals to fill several Museum Interpreter/Educational Guide positions.

The Museum Interpreter/Educational Guide is an integral member of the Education & Inspiration Group at DHS and will help support and fulfill our mission at all sites owned by DHS: the Delaware History Museum, the Center for African American Heritage, and Old Town Hall in Wilmington, and the Read House & Gardens in New Castle, as well as on outreach assignments in the community.

Qualified applicants should have a desire to work with and around children, preferably have teaching/training experience, be comfortable speaking in front of groups of different sizes, have an interest in history and museums, and have a desire to work with a diverse constituency to strengthen visitors’ understanding of multiple historical perspectives.

BS/BA in history, education, or museum studies (or in progress) is preferred but not required. This position is part-time and offers flexibility in scheduling; hours are assigned based on program bookings. Most programs are conducted Monday through Friday, 9:00am–3:00pm. Some weekend and evening hours may be required.

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Responsibilities:

• Conduct educational programming at DHS as scheduled. This includes, but is not limited to: school field trips, adult tours, outreach programs, special events, and associated educational activities;
• Maintain all educational spaces, equipment, and supplies;
• Contribute to the research, development, and implementation of all educational materials and resources;
• Actively work together to foster a visitor environment that encourages visitor engagement, multiple perspectives, and inclusiveness;
• Provide security for collections;
• Assist in general DHS duties as directed.

Qualifications/Skills:

• Proven experience working with audiences of diverse backgrounds and abilities;
• Interest in history (especially local history) and a willingness to learn and expand knowledge of Delaware history.
• Comfort speaking in front of groups, answering questions clearly and directly, expressing ideas and concepts effectively to museum visitors, and demonstrating enthusiasm for interacting with people of all ages, educational levels, and backgrounds.
• Ability to lift average weight objects of up to 25 pounds, navigate stairs, and stand or walk for long periods of time.
• Willingness to learn and apply object-based teaching methodology; comfort with technology in the classroom.

Be ready to serve with enthusiasm and energy! Come with a willingness to learn, laugh, smile, and have fun!

Please send a cover letter, and resume by July 17, 2015 to:
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