



Historical Interpreter (Youth Position) (Canada Summer Jobs)

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Position Pending Funding Approval

Under the general supervision of and reporting to the Public Programming Coordinator, the Historical Interpreter (youth position) is responsible for the interpretation of the heritage village and the delivery of public programs, special events, timed-activities, and guided tours.

This is a youth position. Youth must be eligible under the terms and conditions of the Canada Summer Jobs employment program (must be between the ages of 18 and 30).

Hours/Days of Work:

- From approximately Mid-June, 2024 through the end of August 2024—up to 32.5 hours per week.

Term: Up to 16 Weeks, Full-time Seasonal, Weekends and Holiday Mondays required

Salary: Grade 1 \$16.55

Reporting to: Public Programming Coordinator

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Interpretation Responsibilities

- a. Interpret to visitors through the implementation of an approved plan of daily demonstrations and activities for public programming (domestic, foodways, and agricultural).
- b. Interpret to visitors through demonstrations.
- c. Coordinate demonstrations for daily presentation to the public in relation to, and as scheduled by, the annual public programming plan.
- d. Complete assigned special tasks that relate to your area of interpretation as assigned.
- e. Assist with public programming and event set up and clean up.
- f. Ability to work in a team environment.
- g. Maintain a high level of customer service and meet safety standards.
- h. Deliver special themed events and programs.
- i. As experience and skill allows, assist with the training of other staff and volunteers in collaboration with the Public



Programming Coordinator or Education Coordinator.

2. Cross Departmental Responsibilities

- a. Prepare and deliver on site, history-based education programs, summer camps, and guided tours as assigned.
- b. Demonstrate heritage crafts, trades, foodways and activities to visitors.
- c. Perform physical daily program set up, take down, and cleaning procedures.
- d. Ensure the safety of visitors, and education program participants.
- e. Assist with building and site cleaning and program maintenance for program areas.
- f. Offer support in the Denfield General Store on an as needed basis.
- g. Create items for the "Made in the Village" area of the Denfield General Store.

3. General Responsibilities

- a. Support Fanshawe Pioneer Village customer service initiatives.
- b. Ensure the safety of visitors and staff and protect the site's resources.
- c. Building cleaning and maintenance.
- d. Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Physical requirements of the position include the ability to lift and carry 20-30lbs, ability to walk and navigate gravel paths and uneven surfaces, ability to work outdoors in an environment with air pollutants (pollens, dust, and wood smoke), ability to tolerate exposure to nuisance wildlife, and inclement and severe weather.
- Ability to communicate and to interpret effectively to large numbers of people of various ages and backgrounds.
- Ability and desire to work with children and youth and deliver engaging programming and interactive activities.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the principles and practices used in developing and carrying out a museum interpretive program.
- Ability to wear historical costumes and adhere to guidelines with respect to jewellery, make-up and other forms of personal adornment required.
- Knowledge of 19th century south-western Ontario history an asset.
- Ability to perform and/or learn the skills associated with the following: gardening, farming, hearth cooking, heritage handiwork (ex. sewing, textiles) and fine arts, 19th and early 20th century trades.
- Ability to learn historical information and interpret to the public in an interactive way (in both individual and group settings).



- Ability to perform and/or learn 19th century demonstrations relating to the Fanshawe Pioneer Village interpretive program.
- Prior retail/customer service experience required.
- Ability to foster and maintain cooperative working relationships with supervisors, volunteers and other staff.
- Prior supervisory experience an asset.
- Excellent organization and communication skills.
- Ability to work weekends and holidays.
- Prior experience in a museum or living history setting an asset.
- Fluency in French an asset.
- Valid driver's licence.
- Standard first aid and CPR certificate an asset.
- Must have own transportation.
- Must be able to provide a Police Information Check and Vulnerable Persons Screening.

**** Must meet Canada Summer Jobs requirements. Please see the Canada Summer Jobs website for details.**

PLEASE NOTE:

- Public transportation to the site is unavailable. Staff must have own transportation.
- Accommodation will be provided in all parts of the hiring process as required under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), Integrated Accessibility Standards. Applicants need to make their needs known in advance. The London & Middlesex Heritage Museum is an equal opportunity employer.

Interested candidates may submit a cover letter and resume by April 30th, 2024 at 5pm.

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Fanshawe Pioneer Village thanks all those who apply, but only those applicants selected for interview will be contacted.