

Volunteer Job Descriptions

Youth Volunteer (15-18)

This is a fun and interesting way to complete your Community Volunteer hours. This program is offered to youths aged 15 to 18 years. The Youth Volunteer supports Fanshawe Pioneer Village by bringing the village alive by portraying the 19th Century Rural Ontario lifestyles to visitors.

A Highschool student interested in the fields of Education, Museum, or Childcare will benefit from the 'hands on' experience and knowledge gained through this volunteer placement.

As a Youth Interpreter you will wear a time appropriate costume provided by the Village, develop your public speaking skills, learn new crafts and trades, gain work experience and make new friends. Youth Volunteers work during regular days in the village and at special events.

Education Volunteer Youth (16-18)

Working as part of a team, Education Volunteers work directly with schools, families, and groups visiting Fanshawe Pioneer Village. Education Volunteers will be involved in the delivery of Core and Special Education programs designed for students Grades JK – 12. They also assist in the delivery of our Summer Camp program, Time Travelers. Education Volunteers will assist Education Staff with set up/clean up and the development of Education Programming.

Youth Education Program Volunteers offers youth the opportunity to develop their career aspirations/goals and achieve their required volunteer hours. Under the direct supervision of an Education Staff member, students will be provided an opportunity to assist in the delivery and development of education programs/summer camp activities. This volunteer opportunity is designed for students with the career goal of entering the Museum Field, Arts, and Education

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Education Volunteers may be interested in providing outreach. This opportunity would entail going out into the community and providing information about the village history, activities, buildings and artefacts. In addition, the volunteer will be responsible for pick up, transport, set up and tear down of exhibits and return of outreach exhibit material.

Interpretation Volunteer

The Interpretation Volunteer supports Fanshawe Pioneer Village by working alone, or as part of a team to assist in bringing the Village alive by portraying the 19th Century Rural Ontario lifestyles to visitors. Costumed interpreters provide primary themes to visitors through the implementation of an approved plan of daily demonstrations and activities (domestic, foodways, agricultural and hands-on).

Interpretation Volunteers may specialize in the history and activities of a particular building or craft and in this way bring an expertise to the work that they do within the village. Interpretation Volunteers work during regular days in the village and at special events.

Skilled Trades/Artisan Volunteer

The Artisan Volunteer supports Fanshawe Pioneer Village by working alone, or as part of a team to assist in bringing the Village alive by portraying the 19th Century Rural Ontario lifestyles to visitors. The Artisan Interpreter is responsible for interpreting a 19th century trade or craft through explanation and demonstration.

Artisan Volunteers may also specialize in the history and activities of a particular building in which is linked to their craft or trade and in this way bring an expertise to the work that they do within the village. Artisan Volunteers work during regular days in the village and at special events.

An Artisan trade may be one of the following:

Blacksmith, Carpenter, Tinsmith, Printer, Quilter, Weaver, Spinner, Lace Maker etc.

Garden Volunteer

Working alone, or as part of a team, the Garden Volunteer will create and maintain Fanshawe Pioneer Village's flower and vegetable gardens.

Farm Volunteer

Working alone, or as part of a team, the Farm Volunteer will assist with managing Fanshawe Pioneer Village's farm animals and farm operation. Farm Volunteers work during regular days in the village and at special events.

Maintenance Volunteer

Working alone, or as part of a team, the Maintenance Volunteer in consultation with the Manager of Building/ Village staff, will assist with the overall maintenance of Fanshawe Pioneer Village's site and support the activities of Gardener and Farm Volunteers.

Tollgate Volunteer

Working alone, or as part of a team, the Tollgate Volunteer supports Fanshawe Pioneer Village by providing site orientation, customer surveys and admission services for visitors.

General Store Volunteer

Working alone, or as part of a team, the General Store Volunteer will assist in all aspects of the operation of the General Store.

Café Volunteer

Working as part of a team, the Café Volunteer will assist in the operation of the Village Cafe.

Tour Guide Volunteer

Working alone, or as a team, Tour Volunteers will be charged with the responsibility of providing guided tours through the Village while providing information about Village history and activities, buildings and artefacts. Tours are conducted for casual visitors and educational programming during the week or on weekends. Tours can be either walking tours or wagon ride tours.

Office Volunteer

Working alone, or as part of a team, the Office Assistant will handle tasks related to the day-to-day administration of Fanshawe Pioneer Village.

Curatorial Volunteer

Working alone, or as part of a team, the Curatorial Volunteer will assist with managing Fanshawe Pioneer Village's artefact collection

Restoration Volunteer

Working alone, or as part of a team, the Restoration Technician will assist with the restoration of Fanshawe Pioneer Village's artefacts, machinery, equipment and buildings.

Costume Volunteer

The Costume Volunteer will assist with creating and/or maintaining Fanshawe Pioneer Village's replica costume collection and/or with the sewing and repair of necessity items needed through-out the Village.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the London Middlesex Heritage Museum set policy, determine long range goals, serve as cultural trustees and oversee continued operation of Fanshawe Pioneer Village.

Board Committees

Committee Volunteers of the London Middlesex Heritage Museum Board undertake specific tasks related to the implementation of Board policy and direction as it applies to the day to day operation of Fanshawe Pioneer Village. Committee Volunteers need not be a member of the Board of Directors of the London Middlesex Heritage Museum.