



Fairfield Museum

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Volunteer Junior Docents (Summer 2024)

The Fairfield Museum Junior Docent Program provides a unique opportunity for regional high school students to work with families and children in an educational setting. Junior Docents will develop important public speaking skills while learning about and sharing the history of Fairfield. For Summer Saturdays on the Museum Commons (June 1-August 31, 2024), Junior Docents will lead brief tours and facilitate hands-on activities for children in the historic properties on the Museum Commons. The historic properties include: The Victorian Cottage (1888), the Victorian Barn (1888), and the Sun Tavern (c. 1780).

Who Can Apply?

- You must be at least 14 years old and have completed 8th grade to be eligible for this opportunity.
- Teens are not required to live in Fairfield, but you must have a reliable means of transportation to and from the Fairfield Museum for training, meetings, and volunteering sessions.
- Accepted students will be required to complete a training session to learn about history and develop public speaking skills.
- Safety procedures will also be covered in the training.
- This opportunity qualifies for community service requirements.

What skills do I need?

Junior Docents should:

- have a passion for history and learning;
- be able to work with different audiences, including adults, families, and children;
- have good communication skills, respect for multiple points of view and a willingness to encourage others to share;
- Be able to walk or stand for long periods.

What is the commitment?

- Attend required training sessions, to be determined at a later date.
- Read and study materials on history and education.
- Commit to volunteering to a minimum of 2 shifts per month. Shifts are Saturdays from 11 am – 2 pm, June 1 – August 31, 2024. Note that Junior Docents should plan to arrive about 15 minutes prior to the start of their shift and be available to assist with clean-up if needed.

How to Apply

Students interested in applying for the Junior Docent Summer 2024 opportunity should fill out a Junior Docent Volunteer Application and submit it along with all supplemental materials. Priority will be given to applications submitted by **May 3, 2024**.

Please return by mail, email, or in person to:

Fairfield Museum, 370 Beach Road, Fairfield, CT 06824 | education@fairfieldhs.org

Attn: Michelle Cheng



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APPLICATION FORM

Student Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

School Name: _____ Town: _____

Current Grade Level: _____

Parent / Guardian

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Address: _____ City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Emergency Contact

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Relation: _____ Phone: _____

Work/Volunteer History

Please list any previous work or volunteer experience. Begin with the most recent.

Position	Employer / Organization	Dates



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My child has permission to participate in the activities acting as a volunteer at the Fairfield Museum and History Center. I understand that activities may have inherent risks, and that reasonable measures will be taken to safeguard the health and safety of all participants. I will assure that my child is properly prepared for all activities including having proper clothes and equipment, being in good health, and willing and able to abide by Museum policies. I recognize that volunteers must follow safety instructions, remain in areas designated by staff, and refrain from behavior that is harmful to themselves and others. Failure to adhere to Museum policies will be cause for dismissal. In the event my child is photographed, filmed or recorded while participating in volunteer activities, the Fairfield Museum may use the photo, film, or recording for publicity, promotional, or instructional purposes.

I understand that I will be notified as soon as possible in case of any emergency affecting my child or if my child is not well or is unable to function.

_____ (please initial) I certify that the statements made in this volunteer application are true and correct, and have been given voluntarily. [Please note: FMHC does not release lists of members or volunteers.]

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Name of Parent / Guardian (please print): _____

Please include with this application (attach separate documents as needed, about 150 words per question):

- What are your favorite activities and interests? Why?
- Describe your favorite time period or person in history. What makes this interesting to you?
- Describe a favorite memory visiting a museum. Why did it have an impact on you?

Priority will be given to applications submitted by Friday, May 3, 2024 at 5 pm.