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## **Junior Docent Program 2018 Information**

### **Information for High School Students on the Fairfield Museum's Summer Junior Docent Program**

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. Develop important public speaking and engagement skills while learning about and sharing the history of Fairfield. Junior Docents will lead exhibition tours and facilitate hands-on activities for children in the historic properties on the Museum Commons. Exhibitions featuring interactive, hands-on experiences are featured in three buildings on Fairfield's Town Green: The Children's Cottage, the Victorian Agricultural Barn (1888) and the Sun Tavern (c.1780). This program qualifies for Community Service requirements.

#### **Who Can Apply?**

You must be at least 14 years old and have completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade to be eligible for this opportunity. Teens are not required to live in Fairfield, however 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. Junior Docents will also learn about educational practices including using inquiry, how to adapt to different learning styles and engaging with diverse audiences. Safety procedures will also be covered in the training.

#### **What skills do I need? *Junior Docents should:***

- have a passion for history and learning;
- be mature and articulate
- 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;

We seek teens who are excited about history and want to learn more about how museums serve children and families through education.

#### **What is the commitment?**

- Attend required training sessions; Friday, May 25 and Friday, June 1. Additional opportunities for training will also be available.
- After training, Junior Docents will be required to attend a final meeting on Mon, August 20, 3pm
- Be physically capable of leading a tour
- Read and study materials on history and education
- Commit to volunteering to a minimum of 3 shifts per month. Choices are Saturdays and/or Sundays from 10am – 1pm and/or 1pm – 4pm, June 2 – September 2, 2018

**How to Apply:** Students interested in applying for the Junior Docent Summer Training Program should fill out a Junior Docent Volunteer Application and submit it along with all supplemental materials by **April 20, 2018**. Contact Christine Jewell, Director of Education, to request an application at 203-259-1598 or email [education@fairfieldhs.org](mailto:education@fairfieldhs.org).



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**Junior Docent Program  
 Application Form**

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student's School: \_\_\_\_\_ Town of School: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reference Info (must be a teacher): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address for Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I give the Fairfield Museum and History Center permission to contact the above reference.

Are there any dates that you will not be available this summer (because of vacation or other activities)

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How did you hear about the Fairfield Museum's Junior Docent Program?

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Parent / Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (cell): \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (work): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact (other than parent): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allergies or Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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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?

**Applications for Summer 2018 are due by Friday, March 23 at 5pm**

\_\_\_\_\_ (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.]

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

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 Attn: Christine Jewell