



**Northampton
County
Historical &
Genealogical
Society**

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Northampton County Historical & Genealogical Society Museum Educator

Location: Easton, Pennsylvania

Position Title: Museum Educator

Company Name: Northampton County Historical & Genealogical Society

Job Function: Field trip and youth programs facilitator

Job Type: Part time

Required Travel: 5-10%

Compensation: \$15/hr

Occasional nights/weekends.

Reports to: Education Program Coordinator

Applications accepted until: Ongoing

SUMMARY

Reporting to the Education Program Coordinator, the Museum Educator will facilitate cohesive educational programs for youth, special events, and activities, and including the robust field trip program. This position coordinates and collaborates closely with staff, volunteers, schools, and other non-profit organizations and groups to facilitate engaging education programming for the diverse community we serve.

As a museum educator, you will have the opportunity to work with, educate, and learn from unique perspectives provided by a range of ages and groups, use real artifacts and works of art, and transform the museum into a welcoming space for growth, education and inspiration.

Programming includes all NCHGS properties to include the Sigal Museum, 1753 Bachmann Publick House, Mixsell Illick House, Jacob Nicholas House, and Kressler Garden.

ABOUT NCHGS

Established in 1906, NCHGS is Northampton County, Pennsylvania's leading institution of local history and is home to significant collections of pre-European settlement artifacts, decorative arts, textiles, farming implements, colonial furniture, and the award-winning *Destination: Northampton County* exhibition which celebrates immigration, diversity, and community building. The Sigal Museum opened in the summer of 2010, offering guests interactive exhibits, self-guided and docent-led tours, special children's programs, and a lecture series on local and American history. It is one of four museums and historic sites operated by Northampton County Historical and

Genealogical Society in historic downtown Easton. The Sigal Museum is also home to the Jane S. Moyer Library, which provides a wealth of resources for students, scholars, and genealogical researchers.

The Charles Chrin Gallery at Sigal Museum serves as a showcase for rotating special exhibitions highlighting collections of Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society and its partners. The Sigal Museum Discovery Room of hands-on, interactive history hosts school groups and family activities, as well as Cops 'N' Kids Reading Room literacy programs.

NCHGS collaborates actively with local cultural and community organizations to enrich its exhibitions, programs, and events, and to enhance the quality of life in the Lehigh Valley. Groups include the NAACP, churches, temples, synagogues, LGBTQ+ community centers, institutions of higher learning, and many more. NCHGS is also the leader of the Lehigh Valley Passport to History group, a partnership of 40 museums, historical societies, and cultural organizations who have banded together to share resources.

Our Mission: We share the stories of Northampton County's past to encourage personal reflection, community dialogue, and an understanding of history's impact on our lives.

Our Vision: Through exploring local history, we will foster a more respectful, caring, and inclusive community.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Works closely with Coordinator of Education Programs planning and presenting educational programs that enhance public understanding of the museum.
- Contributes to educational research efforts, and assists in the development and production of written educational materials and hands-on activities.
- Presents gallery talks, and other high-quality educational programs and effectively manages instructional materials under general supervision.
- Facilitate student discussion and object analysis centered on objects from NCHGS's collections.
- Imagine and deliver hands-on workshops including but not limited to arts & crafts.
- Teach in a collaborative environment, both in-person within a gallery environment and virtually through Zoom and Google Meets.
- Collaborate with fellow museum educators to assist in creating supplemental educational materials (including documents, interactive guides, presentations, and more) related to our collections and changing exhibitions.
- Other duties as assigned.
- Some heavy lifting.
- Training provided.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Support the mission and vision of NCHGS as a collaborative team player and successfully represent NCHGS at networking events, meetings, and at professional presentations.
- Knowledge of current best practices and procedures for museum education programs including museum ethics.
- Respect the diversity, integrity, equality, and dignity of all persons.
- General knowledge of American, Pennsylvanian, and/or local history.
- An Associate degree or Bachelor's degree in Art History, Education, or a related field and at least one year of teaching experience preferred. A combination of related education, training, and teaching experience will be accepted.
- Ability to conduct independent research in areas relevant to NCHGS's collection.
- Familiarity with K-12 curriculum and object-based teaching.
- Ability to work collaboratively.
- Strong, effective, and demonstrable written and oral communications, relationship-building, and presentation skills.
- Experience with digital platforms such as Zoom, Google Meets, Google Docs, and Google Slides.
- Interest and commitment to student-centered pedagogy.
- Willingness to work at schools for off-site visits throughout the Lehigh Valley where applicable.
- Fluency in a second language, such as Spanish, is preferred but not required.

CLEARANCES

All standard clearances are required:

- Department of Human Services Child Abuse History Clearance
- Pennsylvania State Police Request for Criminal Records Check
- Federal Criminal History Record Information

TO APPLY

Please submit resume to Beth Krumholz, Education Program Coordinator at beth@northamptonctymuseum.org.

No phone calls please.