

Museum Educator

Seasonal Staff Position Descriptions

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Trainings: April 8th, 15th, 22nd (9am-12pm)
Start Date: April 30th 2017
End Date: Oct 31st 2017

The Thomas Cole National Historic Site seeks part-time or full-time museum educators to conduct guided tours, lead school programs, be a gallery attendant and participate in other visitor activities at the historic site from April 30 through October 31, 2017. The work schedule is flexible.

The rate of pay will depend upon experience. The position also includes free admission to a variety of educational programs and events. The position offers the opportunity to join a dynamic team at a beautiful historic site in Catskill, New York, in the scenic Hudson Valley.

Responsibilities:

- Conduct guided tours of the home and studios of Thomas Cole, and be a gallery attendant in Thomas Cole's New Studio
- Facilitate interactive and hands-on learning for site visitors, school groups, and other audiences using a variety of teaching techniques in a confident and professional manner
- Lead activities at various events
- Provide back-up in the Visitor Center as needed
- Participate in regular group discussions to brainstorm innovative methods of historic site interpretation
- Work with the staff across departments on special projects as designated by the education manager, curator, and marketing and development staff.

Qualifications: The position requires a natural ability and comfort with speaking in front of a group, a passion for learning about history, and the desire to communicate this knowledge and passion with others. The candidate must have a flexible schedule that allows for weekend work, and be a team player that enjoys being with people and can handle many different kinds of situations with a smile. It is critical that the candidate be punctual, reliable, and responsible, as well as open to feedback and new ideas. The position requires moderate physical activity including climbing stairs and moving about the historic site in hot summers and cool spring and fall weather.

To apply: Please submit a resume and cover letter to the education manager, Heather Paroubek via email: hparoubek@thomascole.org. No phone calls please. Deadline to submit is March 17, 2017.

The Thomas Cole National Historic Site preserves and interprets the home and studios of Thomas Cole, the founder of the Hudson River School of painting, the nation's first major art movement. Cole's profound influence on America's cultural landscape inspires us to engage broad audiences through educational programs that are relevant today. The Thomas Cole Historic House is an independent non-profit organization and an affiliate of the National Park Service.