



Junior Docent Application for Gadsby's Tavern Museum

Gadsby's Tavern Museum is accepting 4th through 7^h grade applicants for its next class of Junior Docents. Please complete the application and audition form below.

Applications are due by 4 p.m. on March 25. Auditions are Sunday, March 27.

Mail to Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Email to Michele.Longo@alexandriava.gov

Questions? Call 703.746.4739

General Information

Name of Child: _____

Name of Guardian (s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Grade of Child: _____ School: _____

Please note: All applicants must be available for the audition and, if accepted, the training class. In addition to the questions below, applicants should write a short essay (500 words or less) explaining why they want to participate in this program. Please attach to this application.

The audition is approximately 10 minutes long and will be scheduled as close to your preferred time as possible. Preferred Audition time March 27 (choose a half hour between 2:00 and 5:00).

Choice 1: _____ Choice 2: _____

The Junior Docent opportunities are Sunday afternoons. Will your child be available at least three Sundays between June 19 and September 4 (1:30-5:15 p.m.) Note, families can submit summer availability prior to June 5 to receive preferred choices for summer dates. (circle one) Yes No

Can your child attend one date in each of the following sessions? Yes No

Session A: Saturday, April 30, 9-11:30 a.m. OR Sunday, May 1, 2-4:30 p.m.

Session B: Saturday, May 21, 9-11:30 a.m. OR Sunday, May 22, 2-4:30 p.m.

This program requires time at home to study and practice the tour. Is your child willing to make this commitment? Yes No

The City of Alexandria requires volunteers to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 or to test negative prior to coming on-site. Can the applicant meet these requirements? Yes No

Auditions Sunday, March 27, 2:00—5:00p.m.

Each applicant will have up to 2 minutes to give a small presentation about a historical topic of his or her choosing. Creativity is welcome, especially using objects to tell the story, but remember, there won't be much time to set up. (Tip: focus on a short story you could tell with an object, picture, or in costume.) Museum staff will be looking for presentation skills (Did he or she come prepared? Could we hear him or her? Did the presentation make sense? Was he or she enthusiastic about the topic?) and will ask a few simple questions after the presentation. Presenting without reading notes is strongly encouraged.

To secure an audition time, applications are due March 25, 2022

In addition to attending a training from Session A and B, a virtual training will be offered the afternoon of June 5.

Participants will be required to complete readings and prep work as well as follow one museum tour outside of the training classes.



What do Junior Docents do?

Junior Docents are primarily trained to give stationed tours of the museum on Sundays during the summer. Once accepted, Junior Docents can continue to volunteer at the museum without reapplying each year. Occasional school-year opportunities available.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- 1. What are the duties of Jr. Docents?** Jr. Docents learn how to share the history of the tavern with guests through “stationed tours,” practicing public speaking skills and building confidence.
- 2. Will museum staff always be present for events?** Yes, a staff member is always walking through the rooms to check on students and provide feedback in addition to teen mentors.
- 3. Is there a fee for my child to participate in the program?** No.
- 4. Does a parent/guardian need to stay at the museum during shifts?** An adult is required to assist the student with changing into 18th century clothing, but is not required to stay for the entire shift. *Note, families can visit for free to see their student in action!*

