



# Junior Docent Application for Gadsby's Tavern Museum



Gadsby's Tavern Museum is accepting 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade applicants for its next class of Junior Docents. As a Junior Docent, your child will learn the museum tour and give tours to the visiting public, often in 18<sup>th</sup> century clothing (provided by museum). Due to its popularity, applicants must audition. Please complete the application and audition form below. *Applications are due March 31. Auditions are April 3. Applicants will receive email with audition details.*

### General Information

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(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 classes.**

Preferred Audition time (choose a half hour between 2:00 and 5:00 and we will do our best): \_\_\_\_\_

Most Junior Docent opportunities are Sunday afternoons. Would this work for your family?

Yes                      No

Is your child happy to dress in 18<sup>th</sup> century clothing (provided by the museum)?

Yes                      No

Can your child attend the training on Sundays, May 1 and June 5 from 2-4:30pm?

Yes                      No

This program requires time at home to study and practice the tour. Is your child willing to make this commitment?

Yes                      No                      If yes, who \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants should write a short essay (500 words or less) explaining why he/she wants to participate in this program. Please attach to this application.

Please mail completed applications to:  
**Gadsby's Tavern Museum**  
134 North Royal Street, Alexandria, VA 22314  
(703) 746-4242 • [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org)  
or fax to 703.838.4270



# Auditions Sunday, April 3, 2016 2—5 p.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.) We are happy to help if you need ideas. Museum staff will be looking for presentation skills (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 from notes strongly encouraged.

*To secure an audition time, applications are due Thursday, March 31, 2016*

If your child is accepted, he or she must attend the training sessions on **Sundays May 1 and June from 2-4:30p.m.**

Participants are also required to complete readings and prep work as well as follow two museum tours outside of the training classes.



## What do Junior Docents do?

Junior Docents are primarily trained to give stationed tours of the museum on Sundays in the summer. We ask for one summer of commitment (approx. 3 Sundays). Once accepted, Junior Docents can continue to volunteer at the museum without reapplying each year. Includes occasional volunteer opportunities during the school year.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What are the duties of Jr. Docents? *Jr. Docents provide stationed tours, greet the public, and help with craft projects during events, among other opportunities.*
2. Will museum staff always be present for events? *Yes.*
3. Is there a fee for my child to participate in the program? *No.*
4. Will this program interfere with school hours? *No.*
5. How long can my child volunteer at Gadsby's? *As long as they like!*
6. What is the average length of a volunteer shift? *3-4 hours.*
7. Are schedules set? *No. Families select which dates their child is available to volunteer.*
8. Do parents stay during volunteer shifts? *Some choose to stay, but it is not required.*



Parking available at metered spaces near the sites, and at several nearby parking lots & garages, including Market Square located at the corner of King and North Fairfax Streets. The City of Alexandria complies with terms of the ADA. For an accommodation, please call 703-746-4242 at least 7 days in advance of the event.