



Junior Docent Application for Gadsby's Tavern Museum

Gadsby's Tavern Museum is accepting 4th through 6th 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, sometimes in 18th century clothing provided by the museum. Due to its popularity, applicants must audition. Please complete the application and audition form below. *Applications are due April 27. Auditions are Sunday, April 30.*

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.

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

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

Yes No

Is your child happy to dress in 18th century clothing?

Yes No

Can your child attend the training on Sundays, May 21 and June 11, 2017 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

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

or fax to 703.838.4270



Auditions Sunday, April 30, 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 (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 April 27, 2017

If your child is accepted, he or she must attend the training sessions on **Sundays May 21 and June 11 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 during 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. Occasional school-year opportunities available.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What are the duties of Jr. Docents? *Jr. Docents provide stationed tours, greet the public, help with craft projects during events, and serve tea during tea programs, 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? *Between 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.*

