

**Position**

K – 12 Museum Educator

**Reports to**

Director of Public Programs

**Tasks**

Museum Educators lead highly interactive topic-based gallery and outreach programs for learners in grades kindergarten through 12 to generate excitement and curiosity about the subjects being studied.

**Qualifications and Requirements**

- Above all, Museum Educators must be enthusiastic and engaging storytellers
- Demonstrated ability to interact comfortably with children
- Basic understanding of educational development
- Ability to manage simple behavioral matters effectively
- Knowledge of the Museum’s collection and exhibition is not required, but a love of learning is
- Ability to speak loudly and clearly for an extended period of time
- Ability to stand and walk for up to 3 hours

**Schedule**

School programs take place throughout the calendar year (including over the summer) but are most frequent during the month of December and from May through June. During the busiest times, a Museum Educator can expect opportunities to present as many as 15 programs per week. The rest of the year opportunities to present are approximately 0 to 3 per month.

Each presentation is between 60 and 90 minutes, depending on the type of presentation. During the busy season, multiple presentations are scheduled each day.

**Minimum Time Commitment**

Museum Educators must present a minimum of 5 programs per year to remain active. Additional training sessions are also required. Museum Educators are expected to be able to learn at least 3 of the Museum’s K – 12 program offerings.

**Training**

- Annual Orientation Training/Refresher (required of all volunteers)
- School Tours 101
- Site-specific Trainings: Old First Church, Bennington Center Cemetery, Bennington Battle Monument
- Periodic Exhibit-specific Trainings, led by curator
- Basic First Aid and Emergency Procedures Training
- Additional readings and videos provided periodically
- Shadowing of Experienced Museum Educators

**Benefits**

- Free admission to the Museum, plus guest passes to share
- 20% discount in the Bennington Museum Store
- Celebrity status among elementary school students
- Opportunity to share our community’s resources and stories with eager learners