Volunteer Job Description: K – 12 Museum Educator

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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