

## Culture Summerside- Museum Interpreters

**Start Date:** June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

**End date:** September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

37.5 hours per week/ 7.5 hours per day (5 days a week)

**Wage:** \$13.50/ hour

### **Description:**

The main objective of this position is to offer youth a meaningful and positive work experience, in a community museum setting, that will cultivate their professional skills and allow our organization to tell the rich history of our community. The student will learn the skills of interpretation to audiences including public speaking, attention to detail, multi-tasking and time management.

As a Museum Interpreter, the student will bring to life the rich and dynamic stories of the Wyatt House Museum, The International Fox Museum, and the Bishop Machine Shop Museum. The Wyatt House Museum is a 150-year-old house in the heart of Summerside that tells the captivating story of the prominent Wyatt family who occupied the house for over 100 years. The International Fox Museum tells the story of the Islands "Gold Rush" years and the important role the Island played in the global silver fox industry. The Bishop Machine Shop Museum is a 20th century belt-driven machine shop in the heart of the community that offers a time capsule-like opportunity for visitors to step into the past. Each museum site plays an important role in interpreting the life and times of the community of Summerside, and considered top quality tourist destinations. The student will be required to deliver guided tours of their museum sites of one-hour duration per tour. There are specific tours for each site and they need to be memorized in their entirety. The student will also assist in the delivery of special museum and community programming offered to various interest groups. They will deliver first-rate customer service and be ambassadors for their museum sites, and for the greater heritage and cultural community.

### **Tasks/ Skills:**

Museum Interpreters will be responsible for learning and memorizing the content of the guided tour related to their museum site. They will also be responsible for opening and closing procedures for their museum sites, ensuring both cleanliness and security standards are met. Responsibilities will include greeting visitors, completing tour ticket purchases/ gift shop sales, and guiding visitors through the sites. They will also have the opportunity to participate in the delivery of educational and cultural programming, working closely with the cultural programming staff. Interpreters will be required to do computer research, as well as marketing as needed.

**Job Ad:**

Do you have an interest in the local stories and history of Summerside? Are you looking for a dynamic opportunity to enter the history and cultural industry? Culture Summerside is seeking keen and qualified student applicants for the position of Museum Interpreter to offer an exceptional museum experience to our residents and visitors. Interpreter duties include providing guided tours of museum sites, participation in delivering cultural programming, and handling financial transactions. A strong interest in local history, ability to memorize content, and comfort with public speaking are required to deliver a top-notch interpretive experience to our visitors.

Cultural guide duties will include providing guided tours of the historic sites and buildings. We're looking for dynamic candidates who have a zest for storytelling and interacting with people. A strong interest and knowledge of local history and culture, along with a strong comfort level of public speaking, attention to detail and ability to memorize historical content is required to deliver an extraordinary first-person interpretation experience to our visitors.

French language and computer skills would be considered an asset.

Applicants must fit Young Canada Works eligibility requirements including:

- Must be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident, or have refugee status in Canada; be legally entitled to work in Canada;
- Be between 15\* and 30 years of age at the start of employment (\*where permissible under provincial/territorial labour laws); have completed the school year at the start of employment;
- Have registered as a full-time\* student in the semester preceding the YCW job (\*as defined by their educational institution); and intend to return to full-time studies\* in the semester immediately following the YCW summer job.

Applications, which should include a cover letter and resume, should be clearly marked "Culture Summerside Summer Staff". Please note in your cover letter which positions you are most interested in. Applications can be sent by email to the Human Resources Coordinator at:

[ashley.schurman@city.summerside.pe.ca](mailto:ashley.schurman@city.summerside.pe.ca)

Or by mail to:  
Human Resource Coordinator  
275 Fitzroy St.  
Summerside, PE  
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Only selected candidates will be contacted for an interview. Thank you for your interest.

The City of Summerside is proud to be an equal opportunity employer.

**Closing Date for applications is 4:00 pm on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**