

Call for Applications BLACKSMITH ASSISTANT

The Blacksmith Assistant is a member of Sherbrooke Village's team of Artisans, helping to research, develop and maintain traditional trades and heritage skills. Apprentice to the Blacksmith, the Blacksmith Assistant is responsible for providing knowledgeable demonstrations of coal forge processes and ironwork manufacture while interpreting the heritage of rural village life of the 19th century. The goal of the Blacksmith Assistant is to progressively add to their knowledge of Victorian era metalsmithing production and develop products for sale or use at Sherbrooke Village. Working with other site staff, the Blacksmith Assistant will deliver interpretive programs and services such as house tours, school programs, events, workshops, off-site activities, and demonstrations as required. The position includes artefact and collections care, and general maintenance of heritage spaces and equipment. The Blacksmith Assistant must also add to their knowledge of Sherbrooke Village architecture, genealogy, lifestyles, economies and materials and develop competency in other traditional skill sets. All staff are expected to take on leadership roles and help co-workers gain knowledge of required skill sets and to attain satisfactory ongoing performance reviews.

Position: Full-time Seasonal

Salary: \$20.01/hour, plus 4% vacation pay, and 2% in lieu of benefits

Closing Date: Friday 28 April 2023

Qualifications:

The successful candidate must be able to:

- Be in possession of a high school completion certificate or experiential equivalent.
- Exhibit excellent communication skills required to interact with all ages of the public and coworkers
- Demonstrate dependability, adaptability and exhibit time management skills while working with a high degree of accuracy and attention to detail
- Work independently and as a part of a team
- Embrace and support change
- Exhibit creativity and initiative, as well as demonstrate problem solving skills
- Exhibit strong positive customer service skills in sometimes hot and uncomfortable environments

Skills which would be considered an asset are:

- A background in blacksmithing, metalwork and/or sculpture
- Knowledge of traditional metalsmithing processes including forging, hammering, welding, riveting, etc.
- Knowledge of local, Nova Scotian and/or Canadian history
- Second Language

Sherbrooke Village, a part of the Nova Scotia Museum, is committed to diversity and equitable access to employment opportunities based on ability—your unique contributions and talents will be valued and respected here. We strive to build a team that reflects the diversity of the community we work in and encourage applications from traditionally underrepresented groups such as women, visible minorities, Indigenous peoples, people identifying as LGBTQ2SI, veterans, and people with disabilities.

Application Process: A cover letter should highlight how the applicant clearly meets the Qualifications listed. Cover letter and resume may be sent to svillage@novascotia.ca by 4pm, Friday 28 April 2023. Please be aware that Selection Committee knowledge and/or references regarding a candidate's knowledge, abilities, and personal suitability may be used as part of the assessment process. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

This is a bargaining unit position initially restricted to Sherbrooke Village employees represented by the Nova Scotia Government Employees Union Local 50. External applicants are welcome and will be considered if there are no qualified Sherbrooke Village NSGEU bargaining unit candidates.