

Museum of the Great Plains, Lawton, Oklahoma - Living History Interpreter

How to Apply: Send Cover Letter and resume to Ian Swart at ian.s@discovermvp.org

Application Deadline: May 10, 2024

The Living History Interpreter plays the key role in the interactive “Coffee’s Station” Red River Trading Post exhibit on the museum grounds.

Duties

- First- and/or third-person portrayal of “Holland Coffee,” trading post proprietor, c. 1835
- Inventory, reset, and supply public areas of the Trading Post
- Develop topical educational programs for primary and secondary students utilizing “Oklahoma Academic Standards” (OAS)
- Manage scheduling of school groups for Trading Post tours; coordinate with Educator for museum-wide tours
- Provide off-site outreach (per request) in the form of trunk show, or other topical presentation, to primary and secondary schools
- Utilize volunteers, interns, or docents to achieve goals
- Utilize approved social media platforms for audience engagement
- Assist with Depot, Agricultural Exhibits, and Schoolhouse public access

Qualifications / Skills

- Undergraduate degree (minimum) in related field
- Living History experience strongly preferred
- Must maintain professional and ethical standards
- Must value diversity, inclusion, and equality, with regard to historical themes
- Strong storytelling and communication skills
- Ability to research various topics
- Ability to work independently or collaboratively
- Ability to work with diverse and multi-generational audience and staff
- Must operate a workstation computer, business telephone, and typical office equipment

Schedule, compensation, benefits

- Five-day, forty-hour workweek, with occasional evening or weekend hours, or out-of-town travel
- Salary range begins at \$37,000 annually
- Employer-provided medical, dental, life insurance; retirement plan

Work environment and physical demands

- The employee works year-round, mainly in a replica 19th century historical structure.
- Active-season workdays are Tuesday through Saturday. The noise level may vary from quiet to loud, with situations characteristic of school-age children being common.
- The employee must be able to walk, stand, or sit for extended periods; reach with hands and arms; and routinely lift up to 25 pounds (occasionally more).
- Hearing and visual acuity, and the ability to speak interactively, are needed.