



## NIAGARA FALLS UNDERGROUND RAILROAD HERITAGE CENTER

### **Virtual Tour Museum Educator - Remote**

**Hours:** up to 10 hours/week, Monday – Sunday

**Compensation:** \$14/hour

**Status:** Grant-funded Independent Contractor

The Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center believes that diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion in all aspects of museum structure are vital to the future viability, relevance, and sustainability of museums.

We particularly encourage applications from communities underrepresented in the museum profession.

#### **Background:**

The Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center is an experiential museum with a mission to reveal authentic stories of Underground Railroad freedom seekers and abolitionists in Niagara Falls that inspire visitors to recognize modern injustices that stem from slavery and take action toward an equitable society. On site, we offer facilitated tours, school field trips, and numerous public programs throughout the year. Beginning in 2020, we also offer virtual K-12 field trips and virtual guided group tours.

Through meaningful interpretive experiences, engaging public programs, services and events, we expand each visitor's understanding of and appreciation for the Underground Railroad in Niagara Falls and the enduring impact of slavery in the United States. The Heritage Center is a member of the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience.

The American Association for State and Local History recognized the Heritage Center for excellence with a 2019 Leadership in History Award. Positive visitor reviews garnered the Heritage Center a 2020 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Award, and the Heritage Center was named one of the '10 Best New Attractions' to open in 2018 by *USA Today*.

#### **Position Summary:**

Virtual Museum Educators will provide highly engaging and impactful virtual experiences for K-12 and college students, families, and adult audiences for the Heritage Center's Virtual Freedom Conversation, Virtual School Field Trip, and Virtual Group Tour programs. This position may be performed remotely using platforms such as Zoom, Microsoft Teams, and Google Meet. No travel to Niagara Falls for training or work is required, but a willingness to become familiar with the region is necessary.

### **Essential Responsibilities:**

- Participate in remote historical interpretation training, including the facilitated dialogue technique, provided by the Heritage Center.
- Upon successful completion of training and a practice tour, facilitate 30 – 60 minute virtual tours in an engaging, timely, and articulate manner.
- Provide tour participants with an impactful virtual experience that connects the Underground Railroad in Niagara Falls to modern civil rights movements.

### **Minimum Qualifications:**

- A demonstrated commitment to social justice.
- Experience in historical interpretation or education.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Responsible, flexible, punctual, and personable.
- Bilingual applicants are encouraged.

### **Special Requirements:**

- Must have reliable internet access.
- Must have computer with high quality camera and microphone as well as a quiet location to provide tours free from disruption.
- Must be available to work weekends, evenings, and holidays.
- As independent contractors, Virtual Tour Museum Educators are not eligible for employee benefits and are solely liable for the payment of all taxes due with respect to compensation received.

### **To Apply:**

Qualified candidates should submit an application consisting of both **a resume and a cover letter** demonstrating their qualifications. Incomplete applications will be considered unfavorably. Submit to:

Chris Bacon, Interim Director of Education  
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For more information on the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center, please visit <http://niagarafallsundergroundrailroad.org/>.