North Star Underground Railroad Museum Internship (Spring 2023)

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Multiple internship opportunities available. Minimum 3hr/week on site. Scheduling is flexible.

Media and Community Outreach:

Use your communication and social media skills to develop an outreach campaign for this important local museum and tourist destination that highlights our area as a path on the Underground Railroad, the term used to describe the network that helped enslaved people escape to freedom in Canada. The North Star Underground Railroad Museum is an incredible resource for anyone, worldwide, who is interested in the history of abolition. Interns design and enhance media/social media content about the museum and expand interest and access worldwide.

Collaborative Video Project:

The museum is remaking its 2006 video graphic re-enactment of stories of escaped slaves seeking freedom in Canada via the local Underground Railroad network. Interns with skills in video technology and film techniques, scene and script development, and historical and cultural research skills are needed. Theater students are needed to serve as actors in the re-enactment components of the video.

Traveling Trunk Shows:

Develop educational materials for K-12 students about the Underground Railroad in the North Country. Design innovative and interactive shows that inform, engage and excite students about this underrepresented aspect of local history. Interns may also deliver these materials in schools.

Minimum Requirements:

- Minimum sophomore standing or POI.
- An interest in the social sciences (e.g. anthropology, sociology, political science, etc.), historical research, tourism, education, community outreach, video production and design.
- Initiative and the ability to collaborate with diverse groups of people.
- Enthusiasm and willingness to learn about museums, local history, human dynamics and culture.

All interested students are encouraged to contact:

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