

North Star Underground Railroad Museum Internship (FALL 2023)

Applications Open July 31st, 2023

FINAL Due Date for Internship Proposals → August 31th, 2023 at 2:00 pm

Job Description

1131 Mace Chasm Road, Ausable Chasm, NY 12911

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.

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.

Archival and Historical Project:

Work with staff to digitize the archival collection. Research historical details of local anti-slavery activists as requested by museum staff. Learn about the museum collections and ongoing research projects; assist where needed.

Minimum Requirements:

- Minimum sophomore standing or POI.
- An interest in the social sciences (e.g. anthropology, sociology, psychology, GWS, political science, etc.), historical research, tourism, education, and community outreach.
- 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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