



**Position Title:** Program Assistant

**Department:** Storowton Village Museum

**Supervisor:** Director of Storowton Village/ Education & Communication Specialist

**Position Type:** Unpaid Internship

**Priority Application Deadline:** March 31, 2021

**Timeframe:** Summer (start date flexible) – October 4, 2021

### Position Summary

The Program Assistant Internship at Storowton Village Museum (SVM) provides qualified students or recent graduates an opportunity to discover and experience a range of museum functions, including how to make discussion of New England's history relevant to a diverse population of visitors, how to manage special events, and, in large part, interacting with visitors to provide an educational and engaging experience. SVM provides a unique experience with its location on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition, which features the annual Big E fair.

Program Assistant Interns will work closely with the SVM staff throughout the internship and will select an area of interest to focus on. The following focus areas will be available in 2021:

Museum education – youth & families  
 Museum education - adults  
 Exhibit curation and collection care  
 Digital cataloguing and library content care

Historic horticulture  
 Historic costuming and costume care  
 Photography and social media communication  
 Blacksmithing

All Program Assistant Interns will be trained in mid-19th century costumed interpretation and will dress in costume during select events. Interns will work on site approximately two days a week from 10am-4pm, including some Saturdays (blacksmithing intern must be available for evening training). Flexibility with hours and days can be accommodated for other employment, course work, or other obligations. During the month of September through completion of the internship, all interns will assist with production of the Big E fair and must commit to a minimum of 6 shifts (morning, afternoon, and evening shifts available).

All students who commit to 2 days a week throughout the summer and 6 shifts during the fair receive a 17-day pass to the fair, two guest passes, and additional on-site benefits ranging from food vouchers, circus admission, and other perks (additional benefits vary). Additional opportunities for paid work may be available during the month of September.

### Position Requirements

- Successful completion of at least two semesters (or equivalent) of college work
- Comfortable working with the public and dressing in period costume
- Ability to work approximately 2 days a week throughout the summer
- Ability to work a minimum of 6 shifts during the 2021 Big E fair (shifts are approx. 4 hours)

- Reliable transportation
- Ability to stand for prolonged periods of time
- Ability to climb stairs multiple times throughout shifts
- Demonstrated ability to be creative and work collaboratively
- Flexibility, enthusiasm, and a sense of humor

### **To Apply**

Please fill out our online application form - <https://tinyurl.com/ESEInterns> - and include your resume and a cover letter that indicates the focus area(s) in which you are interested. Only completed applications that include a resume and cover letter will be considered. Positions are open until filled. Questions regarding the application process can be addressed to [employment@TheBigE.com](mailto:employment@TheBigE.com).

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