



## Seeking Historical Interpreters

The Washburn-Norlands Living History Center, a 19<sup>th</sup>-century museum and working farm in Livermore, Maine, seeks historical interpreters for the upcoming season. Interpreters share history in a fun, humorous yet thought-provoking way with visitors of all ages, creating a memorable museum and farm experience. Interpreters deliver Journey into History educational programs primarily for school children and also provide tours for people of all ages during special events.

### Interpreters:

- Share accurate historical information about the museum buildings, the Washburn family and the way people lived during the 1800s.
- Are expected to be knowledgeable about and capable of demonstrating the chores, tasks and jobs that were traditionally performed on a farm.
- Understand Norlands mission and have a basic knowledge of Norlands programs and events.
- Are expected to train for a minimum of two, Journey into History educational programs.
- Demonstrate respect for the artifacts in the museum collection and monitor the same consideration from our guests.
- Work with a variety of guest populations, especially school groups.
- Read written materials provided for the site and participate in training sessions offered.
- Adhere to period clothing guidelines.
- Work in a variety of weather conditions – heat, sunshine, cold and other weather elements.
- May need to lift moderately heavy articles from time to time.
- Are responsible for creating a friendly atmosphere for guests and co-workers.
- Are expected to maintain a good attendance record.
- Attend staff meetings and training related to the role as an interpreter.
- Maintain visitor and site safety during programs. Assist with general site cleanliness.
- Report problems and concerns immediately to the Executive Director or Director of Interpretation and Training.

Ideal candidates have a passion for and a willingness to learn historical material and period activities, enjoy people of all ages, have the ability to engage all types of audiences, especially school children. Candidates must be able to stand for several hours at a time and be able to perform light to moderate manual work (with training) such as cooking on a woodstove, hauling water, carrying or splitting firewood. Previous teaching or interpretation experience, a plus.

Successful candidates must pass a satisfactory criminal background check before employment.

All training is provided. This is an ideal position for someone looking for a flexible schedule. This is an on-call, part-time position. Hours worked per week depend on the season and as programs are scheduled. April – June and October – December are the heavier-scheduled months.

To learn more or to apply, email a letter of interest, resume and contact information for three references to Sheri Leahan, director, at [Sheri.Leahan@norlands.org](mailto:Sheri.Leahan@norlands.org). FMI: visit [www.norlands.org](http://www.norlands.org).