



## MUSEUM GUIDE Job Description

### About the Royall House and Slave Quarters:

The Royall House and Slave Quarters functions as a site of memory. In the eighteenth century, the plantation was home to the Royalls, the largest slaveholding family in Massachusetts, and at least sixty enslaved women, men, and children whose forced labor helped build the Royall family's wealth. As one of the only remaining freestanding quarters where enslaved people lived and worked in the North, the museum bears witness to their lives, to the intertwined stories of wealth and bondage in pre-Revolutionary Massachusetts, and to the resistance and political and legal activism of enslaved people in the 18th century.

### Position Summary:

Reporting to the Executive Director, the Royall House and Slave Quarters seeks dedicated individuals, who are curious and passionate about local history to serve as tour guides for the museum. Guides serve as important representatives of the site by giving tours to the general public and answering questions about the museum and its grounds to provide excellent historical interpretation. Guides will also participate in training sessions in May of 2025.

### Duties Include:

Conducting museum tours of approximately 1 - 1 1/2 hours in length. Being comfortable speaking to and engaging small and large groups of people of all ages. Generally, tours are given Saturday and Sundays from 1 – 4 from June through mid-October. Guides are to arrive at 12:30 in order to prepare for the tours. A minimum of 10 days of tours per season is required. Guides receive an hourly compensation of \$15.

Leading occasional group tours, if necessary, during the week or on the weekend.

Dealing skillfully with visitors under a variety of circumstances.

Keeping informed regarding current research and changes to the information or approach of the tours.

Working closely with other guides and volunteers to welcome visitors and answer their questions.

Following procedures regarding the opening and closing of the buildings.

Ability to stand for up to 2 hours at a time and comfortably lift 30lb.

Be able to walk up and down stairs, including a tight and step winding staircase.

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**Qualifications:**

Strong commitment to the mission and goals of the Royall House and Slave Quarters.

Experience giving presentations and interacting with individuals and groups. Interest and working knowledge of the history of the time period and a desire to learn more. Previous experience as a guide or docent would be a plus.

Knowledge and interest in African American History, Caribbean History, Slavery Studies, and Early American History is a benefit

Personable, outgoing, reliable and flexible.

Ability to work independently as well as a member of a team

Willingness to attend initial and ongoing training sessions.

**How To Apply:**

The Royall House and Slave Quarters is committed to diversity among its employees and encourages qualified candidates from all backgrounds to apply. For consideration, please submit a brief statement of interest and a résumé to Maureen Curley at [maureenfcurlley@gmail.org](mailto:maureenfcurlley@gmail.org)

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