



## Historic Interpreter

### **Mission:**

Whitney Institute educates the public about the history and legacies of slavery in the United States.

### **Job Description:**

Through research, education and training, interpreters give lectures and tours about the lives and experiences of generations of African and African-descendant people that were enslaved on Habitation Haydel, as well as throughout the United States.

While previous experience working in a museum or at a historic site is not required as a condition of employment, this position does require each person to write programs and give lectures informed by research that uses primary and secondary sources as references.

This is an opportunity for anyone who would like to explore working and gaining experience working at a historic site that is focused on African American history.

### **Desired Behavior Traits & Skills:**

- Excellent communication skills, charisma, and value placed on connecting with the general public.
- An understanding of, and desire to continuously learn and educate about, the history of slavery in the United States.
- A high regard for team-oriented environments. (This is not the right environment for people who thrive and seek to work independently.)
- The ability to adapt to the growing needs of a young organization.



### **Daily Responsibilities:**

- Conduct admission and gift shop sales.
- Welcome visitors and provide information about exhibits, facilities, and site programming.
- Conduct daily site lectures and in-person tours for varying groups of people- adults, school-aged children, and families.
- Assist in providing security for site- historic structures, exhibits, and facilities.
- Participate in trainings, meetings, and other opportunities to strengthen knowledge of history, the site, and interpretation techniques.
- Participate in annual performance plans and performance reviews.
- Other duties as assigned.

### **Work Environment**

- Whitney Plantation is located in Edgard, Louisiana. The museum grounds are approximately 50 acres and tours are conducted predominately outside, in all weather conditions. Interpreters conduct tours in all weather conditions, on gravel pathways, in and around historic 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century structures. We are able to modify tours and tour routes for those that have a disability that would prevent them from being able to conduct tours in these conditions.

### **Compensation:**

Starting pay: \$15/hr

Full and part-time welcome

### **To Apply:**

Please submit a resume along with a brief paragraph telling us a bit about yourself and why you would like to come and work with us to:

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