

Atlanta History Center
130 West Paces Ferry Rd NW
Atlanta, GA 30305

Hours
Monday-Saturday
10am-5:30pm
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12-5:00pm

Junior Interpreter Program Application (2/2)

Essay Questions

Please write a paragraph for each question on a separate sheet, typed.

- Describe your skills, activities, hobbies, and interests. Pick one thing and explain how it will help you to be a great Junior Interpreter.
- What do you most want to learn from your participation in the Junior Interpreter Program?

Deadline Sept. 1st

As a Junior Interpreter, students will assist with the implementation of living history interpretation and related activities during daily operations and programs at the historic house. This work will incorporate scheduled demonstrations, performances, and/or guided tours and will be performed in period clothing, outdoors and indoors, in all types of weather conditions. Junior Interpreters should be comfortable with public speaking, be comfortable interacting with the public, be outgoing, flexible, and have a willingness to memorize small scripts and improvise. Junior Interpreters will present factual, informative, and entertaining content to varied audiences using interpretive techniques, such as 3rd person interaction and costumed 1st person crafting demonstrations. Junior Interpreters will be required to submit a journal entry after each volunteer day. This helps the staff monitor what they are doing and how they are feeling about the volunteer experience. Junior Interpreters will inspire public visitors to connect with history.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Please send your completed application packet to

Volunteer Services
Atlanta History Center
130 West Paces Ferry Road
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Junior Interpreter Program Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Junior Interpreter program?

Our program provides peer interpreters for our younger guests to illustrate life for young people in the past and to provide an educational experience for our Junior Interpreters.

Who supervises, communicates, schedules, and trains the Junior Interpreters?

Because we are an indoor/outdoor hands-on environment of a living history site, we provide constant adult supervision by our staff. Junior Interpreters will be required to submit a journal entry after every volunteer day. This helps the staff monitor what they are doing and how they are feeling about their volunteer experience. Each volunteer shift is 3 hours (10:30am–1:30pm and/or 1pm–4pm).

What kind of jobs do they do?

Our Junior Interpreters take part in living history demonstrations; they also provide hands-on activities for young visitors daily and at our special events.

What age range do you consider?

The program is open to participants in 6th–12th grade who are least 12 years of age.

How do you select your participants?

We require a written application, a face-to-face interview, letter of recommendation, and essay questions. The interview consists of questions, an interpretive exercise, and a written self assessment.

If you wish to retain your Junior Interpreters over time, how do you provide for advancement within the program?

We look at our Junior Interpreters as potential future adult volunteers and employees; by investing in this program, we hope to retain them. As Junior Interpreters grow older, we provide different levels of skill sets within the program that they can aspire to and help keep them engaged.

How long does the program last?

The program session is October–May (June–July optional). Program days for the Smith Family Farm are Fridays, Sundays, and Mondays. Program days for the Swan House are Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

How often do they volunteer?

Must volunteer for 5 programs or events per year and volunteer at their historic house twice a month

What kind of training do you provide, and how do you make it kid-friendly?

- There is a monthly Junior Interpreter training, the last Tuesday of every month (excluding December, June, and July).
- For new Junior Interpreter's there is mandatory training every Tuesday in October. Our trainings consist of tours, public speaking training, acting, vocal warm ups, and team building all through a historical lens.

Who should I contact if I am interested in this program or want more information?

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Junior Interpreter Program Reference Form

Applicant's Name

Thank you for writing a reference letter for the Atlanta History Center's Junior Interpretation Program. The Junior Interpretation Program allows for students in 6th-12th grade to volunteer as first and third person interpreters, in period costume at one of the historic houses at Atlanta History Center. The program will focus on skill-based crafts as well as interaction and engagement with children and families who visit the Smith Family Farm and the Swan House. Please rate the applicant on the following characteristics. Ratings should be on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being weak and 5 strong. If you have not observed the characteristic, please write UK (unknown).

CHARACTERISTIC	RATING
Friendly and outgoing (willing to talk to new people)	
Positive attitude (cheerful about assigned tasks and challenging situations)	
Articulate (able to express him/herself verbally)	
Team player (willing to work together and share limelight)	
Dependable (arrives on time; honors commitments)	
Responsible (follows directions; arrives prepared)	
Independent (uses good judgment; can stay on task without constant supervision)	
Work ethic (works hard; produces quality work)	
Likes the outdoors	
Enjoys working with other people	
Desire and ability to learn/share historical knowledge and skills	

Print Name

Signature

Date

Guidelines for Writing a Letter of Reference

Please provide a thoughtful evaluation of the applicant's qualifications. Keep in mind that this program is designed for youth to participate without direct parent supervision. Be sure to tell us how long you've known the applicant.

Space in the program is limited, so the application process is competitive. Please understand that we cannot accept all applicants into the program. In addition to the letter of reference, applicants are required to submit a completed application and come in for an interview.

Please attach your letter of reference to this form and mail to

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