



# Chadds Ford Historical Society

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## **Intern at the Chadds Ford Historical Society!**

Throughout the year we offer various specific internship opportunities, but we are also happy to work with qualified applicants to create an internship based on their interests and focus. These area-specific internships are available throughout the year, unless stated, with rolling admissions.

If accepted, we will work with you to determine a main project and focus for your internships, along with other similar tasks to create an internship experience most beneficial to you! Please note when applying which area of focus you are most interested in.

### **Areas we can offer internships in are:**

#### *Collections*

The Chadds Ford Historical Society has a collection that consists mainly of textiles, photographs, and other artifacts relating to the Chadds Ford region. We recently conducted a collections move to a new climate-controlled space and are looking to reorganize, rehouse and further preserve our collection. An internship in this focus would be ideal for someone looking to gain more experience in preservation, artifact care and handling, textiles, Past Perfect database and collections in general.

**\*\*Current need is for a collections intern interested in working with our photography collection\*\***

#### *Education\**

Educational opportunities for all ages is important to the Chadds Ford Historical Society. We work with local schools, girl and boy scouts as well as adult retirement and continuing education groups to educate a variety of people on the history of our site and the area. We also hold a monthly interactive adult education series, Tavern Talks, and are always looking to expand who we reach and what we do. This internship focus is ideal for someone looking to go into museum education, interpretation or public history and will include opportunities to develop programs and work with children and adults.

**\*Acceptance into an education-focused internship program is contingent upon successfully completing a background check for working with minors in the State of Pennsylvania.**

#### *Events and Marketing*

The Society hosts several large-scale events throughout the year, as well as smaller monthly educational series. Our Great Pumpkin Carve event alone attracts over 12,000 people every year! This internship would be ideal for an applicant interested in learning the logistics of running large and small events, marketing, and event planning. Social media strategy and development can be included in this.

#### *Exhibits*

In our Barn Visitor Center we have two to three possible exhibit spaces that rotate displays at least once a year. We are looking to develop an exhibit for 2018 in our large exhibit room and change out our small displays as well. This internship opportunity is ideal for anyone looking for experience in exhibition design and development and would work closely with our Programs and Development Manager.



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## *Historic Houses*

The Society manages three historic buildings and uses them for tours, interpretive programming and special events. Interns in this focus would learn about the challenges and opportunities with historic buildings, the care and management, as well as developing interpretation for an entire site. This would be a great internship experience for applicants looking to work in historic houses, historic preservation, or public history.

## *Theatre and Interactive History*

We are looking to explore the concept of bringing theatre into our historic homes and programs as people crave more engaging experiences from museums and historic sites. We have a few specific program ideas in mind that would be perfect for an applicant interested in theatre and interpretation.

## **How to Apply**

Academic credit will be provided for undergraduate or graduate students. We understand the value of interns' work and our responsibility to mentor the next generation of museum professionals.

Please send a resume, cover letter (stating your internship focus) and three references to Allison Schell, Programs and Development Manager, at [aschell@chaddsfordhistory.org](mailto:aschell@chaddsfordhistory.org).

## **About the Chadds Ford Historical Society**

The Chadds Ford Historical Society interprets and maintains three historic properties in the Chadds Ford area: the c. 1724 John Chads House, the c. 1723 Springhouse and the c. 1714 Barns-Brinton House tavern. The museum also houses a collection of artifacts, documents, photographs and stories for the community. Find out more about us at [www.chaddsfordhistory.org](http://www.chaddsfordhistory.org) and on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.