

**New Bedford Whaling Museum  
Apprenticeship Program  
Summer Program Associate - Temporary Summer Position  
Salary: \$16 per hour**

**OVERVIEW**

[The New Bedford Whaling Museum High School Apprenticeship Program](#) provides students with access to resources and experiences that deepen community engagement, promote personal and professional development, and cultivate college and career success. Students who are accepted into the Apprenticeship Program attend a 6-week summer program and a school-year program each year. The apprenticeship is a 3-year commitment and apprentices are paid a stipend throughout their time in the program. This summer we are hiring a temporary Summer Program Associate to work closely with the Program Manager to assist in facilitating the summer program while working directly with apprentices who are in grades 10 -12. Some of the responsibilities of the Summer Program Associate include:

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Work closely with the Program Manager to plan and organize trips, activities, and workshops for apprentices including site visits to other museums, career shadow days, and college trips.
- Support and facilitate workshops for sophomore and junior apprentices' summer projects, with a focus on history and civics
- Support and facilitate workshops for senior apprentices' capstone projects
- Design and facilitate team-building activities and games
- Maintain health and safety protocols
- Be an active presence at all apprentice-related museum and community events
- Assist the Program Manager in gathering the end of summer evaluations, student feedback forms and other program documentation as needed
- Perform administrative tasks related to the responsibilities.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

The ideal candidate for this temporary position is a current educator or an experienced student or graduate student studying education, youth development, or other field related to direct service with and for youth populations, particularly high school students. They should have a strong desire to work collaboratively to create and maintain youth-centered programs. They should be excited about leading activities and workshops.

Specific qualifications include:

- Ability to thrive in a fast-paced, evolving environment
- Excellent writing, communication, and technology skills including knowledge of Google Applications
- Thoughtful and creative, with strong problem-solving skills and flexible attitude
- Excellent time-management and organizational skills, with the ability to start and complete assigned projects with minimal supervision
- Ability to work occasional evening and weekend events as needed

**EXPECTATIONS/COMPENSATION**

The Summer Program Associate will report directly to the Manager of Young Adult Programs and must be available for planning meetings after June 8th. The Summer Program Associate's regular schedule will start June 27th and will typically be Monday - Thursday 8 am - 4 pm, with the possibility of a weekend or evening event or extended field trip day. The Summer Program Associate will earn \$16/hour paid bi-weekly. The summer program ends on Thursday, August 13th, 2026.



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### **HOW TO APPLY**

Interested candidates should send their cover letter and resume as attachments to Erika Fernandes, Manager of Young Adult Programs, at [efernandes@whalingmuseum.org](mailto:efernandes@whalingmuseum.org). Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis; application closing date is May 29th, 2026.