



Job Description

Environmental Educator

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SUMMARY

Employment Type	Full Time
Standard Work Days/Hours	Monday-Friday / 8:30am – 4:30pm
Overtime Status	Exempt
Job Location	200 S. Cross St., Chestertown, Maryland
Weekend Work	Occasional
Residential (Overnight) Work	No
Paid Holidays	Applicable federal holidays during term of employment
Sick & Safe leave	Up to 5 paid days per year pro-rated for term of employment
Vacation leave	Up to 10 paid days per year pro-rated for term of employment
Health insurance	100% employer paid
Life/disability insurance	100% employer paid
Housing	Available
Reports to	Director of Science Programs
Salary	\$26,000-\$28,000 annually

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The Environmental Educator supports program implementation for students ranging in age from toddlers to senior citizens, focusing on the ecology and natural history of the Chesapeake Bay. The Environmental Educator will play a lead role in caring for the equipment and marine life in the Holt Center’s Wet Lab, including tank maintenance, weekly feedings, and general animal handling.

The Environmental Educator will work closely with the Director of Science Programs to deliver instruction in a wide variety of programming formats including:

- Land-based ecology programs for school groups in the spring, fall, and winter at the Foundation's Holt Education Center, a state-of-the-art facility located in the heart of Chestertown's National Landmark Historic District
- Land-based ecology programs for school groups in the spring and fall at the Foundation's Lawrence Wetlands Preserve, an 8.5-acre urban nature center featuring a variety of ecosystems including upland forest, swamp, marsh, shrublands, meadows, and a freshwater pond
- Classroom-based instruction in area schools focusing on how land use in local watersheds impacts the health of aquatic ecosystems downstream
- Week-long summer camps for young children
- Academic enrichment programs for infants and toddlers
- Walking tours of historic Chestertown with area schools
- Canoe and kayak day trips on tidal tributaries in the region

CORE QUALIFICATIONS

This individual should have strong interpersonal skills, a love of working with children in the outdoors, and the ability to work in a dynamic and flexible teaching environment.

- A bachelor's degree or equivalent education, training, or experience in science, environmental, or multidisciplinary studies, or a relevant field
- A valid First Aid / CPR certificate or willingness to obtain upon hire
- A desire to work with students and inspire a love of learning and for the natural world

ABOUT THE SULTANA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Sultana Education Foundation provides hands-on educational opportunities that promote stewardship of the Chesapeake Bay's historic, cultural, and environmental resources. By helping students of all ages develop an appreciation for the Chesapeake Bay, Sultana is working to create a community of individuals who are dedicated to preserving this irreplaceable treasure.

Whether paddling in the wake of Captain John Smith, sailing on the schooner SULTANA, exploring land-use issues at the Lawrence Wetlands Preserve, or serving as a citizen scientist at the Holt Education Center, participants in SEF's programs gain a better understanding of the Chesapeake Bay and the role they can play in saving this national treasure.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

The Sultana Education Foundation (SEF) is committed to and accountable for advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in all of its forms. We embrace individual uniqueness, foster a culture of inclusion that supports both broad and specific diversity initiatives, leverage the educational and institutional benefits of diversity, and engage all individuals to help them thrive. We value inclusion as a core strength and an essential element of our public service mission.

HOW TO APPLY

Email cover letter, resume, and at least two references to:

Jackie Doerr
jdoerr@sultanaeducation.org

This position will be filled on a rolling basis. An onsite interview in Chestertown may be required. A criminal background check may be required for this position.