



Volunteer Docents

The MCHC's docents deliver interactive group tours and programs for students and adults. We are seeking candidates who have an interest in history, enjoy working with students and the public, and feel comfortable speaking to groups. We provide training on MCHC collections, exhibitions, tour methodology and themes, and museum policies.

Volunteers are scheduled as needed upon mutual agreement with MCHC staff for the following:

Student Programs

- Offered mainly on Wednesdays and Fridays between 10 am - 3 pm from September through June.
- 1.5- to 2.5-hour museum tours that emphasize hands-on activities.
- Primarily for elementary and middle school students with occasional high school or higher education groups.
- These include [guided museum field trip experiences](#) and [Student Research Center for History \(SeaRCH\) sessions](#)

Group Tours

- Offered by appointment, Wednesday to Saturday, between 10 am - 3 pm, year-round.
- 30- to 60-minute exhibition tours that combine docent-led discussions with lecture.
- Primary audiences are adults/seniors
- Groups are typically between 10-20 people.
- See our [Group Tours webpage](#) to see the currently offered tours, as well as the specific capacities and lengths for each.

We prefer candidates willing to deliver student programs or both school and adult tours.

Skills & Qualifications

- 18 years or older
- Friendly personality and enthusiastic about history
- Interest in and some knowledge of American history and culture
- Comfortable speaking with groups
- Cultural competency
- Group management
- Ability to lead indoor programs/tours 1-3 hours in length
 - All levels of the museum are accessible via both stairs and elevators

Docents will work closely with the Museum Learning Manager, Deborah Wood (dwood@mdhistory.org, 410-685-3750 ext. 334).