



WOODWORKING ASSISTANT

Sherbrooke Village

<http://sherbrookevillage.novascotia.ca>

Location: Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia

Job Type: Full-time, year-round; 35 hours per week (1,820 hours)

Wage: \$23.00 per hour plus benefits

Language Required: English

Closing Date: Friday 26 April 2024

About Us

Sherbrooke Village, Nova Scotia's largest living history museum, is seeking a full-time Woodworking Assistant.

Our mission is to represent the social, political and economic histories of Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia and Canada in the latter half of the 19th century accurately and authentically. Our 53-acre site contains over 80 original structures along the St Mary's River on Nova Scotia's Eastern Shore. We strive to reflect rural village life of the 1860-1880. Traditional trades and heritage skills are a keystone of our living history program that we seek to strengthen within our staff team and bolster in our public program offerings.

About Our Opportunity

The Woodworking Assistant belongs to the restoration team at Sherbrooke Village dedicated to the preservation of our built heritage and perpetuation of traditional skills, knowledge and practice to ensure historically accurate wood products. The Woodworking Assistant works in the Woodworking Shop where modern tools are used and supports restoration projects, contracts, and other activities of the Restoration & Maintenance Team. They may also create reproduction products for use and sale through the Village Store or for private sale. Traditional 19th century woodworking skills are considered an asset in this role, as well as caring for collection artifacts and an understanding of heritage construction methods.

Qualifications and Experience

The successful candidate may have a combination of experience listed below - Sherbrooke Village values transferrable skills. We are seeking candidates who have:

- High School Diploma and some work experience; Preference will be given to individuals with furniture-making, cabinetmaking, and/or material arts training with examples of past projects.
- Proficiency using a lathe (electric and foot-powered), table saw, drill press, jointer, planer, radial arm saw, band saw, sander, dowel machine, and other assorted hand tools
- Knowledge of various woodworking techniques: greenwood working, joinery, steam forming, hand planing, and traditional wood finishes among others
- Strong presentation, communication, public speaking, interpersonal and team-building skills
- Proven leadership skills and the ability to train others; experience teaching or leading workshops considered an asset
- A sound general knowledge of Nova Scotia and Maritime history, working within a visitor-centered museum environment
- Currently has or is willing and able to get certified upon appointment in the following: First Aid, WHIMS, Working at Heights, Hazardous Materials Awareness, Occupational Health & Safety training and Safe Work Practices.

Assets considered for this role:

- A passion for 19th century craft, traditional skills, and other forms of making
- Experience working in a shop environment
- Experience in wood product design, development, quoting, and fulfilment
- A second language

Working Conditions

This role is a full-time, 35-hour per week commitment that requires an individual with a willingness to work irregular hours as required. Willingness to wear Sherbrooke Village uniform and/or safety as required.

Benefits

Sherbrooke Restoration Commission offers full-time employees a range of benefits such as NS Public Service Superannuation Pension, Health, Life Insurance, General Illness (Short-Term Disability), paid sick days and vacation.

We're committed to diversity and equitable access to employment opportunities based on ability. Your unique contributions and talents will be valued and respected here. We strive to build a team that reflects the diversity of the communities we serve and encourage applications from traditionally underrepresented groups such as women, visible minorities, Indigenous peoples, people identifying as LGBTQ2SI, veterans, and people with disabilities.

To apply, send your CV or resumé along with a cover letter. A portfolio or images of past work encouraged. Please combine all documents as a single PDF and email to **Sherbrooke.ED@novascotia.ca** or deliver to:

Sherbrooke Village
RE: WOODWORKING ASSISTANT
42 Main Street, PO Box 295
Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia
Canada B0J 3C0

All applications must be received by Friday 26 April 2024.

This is a bargaining unit position represented by the Nova Scotia Government Employees Union. External applicants are welcome; preference is given to qualified Sherbrooke Village NSGEU bargaining unit candidates first. A criminal record check and vulnerable sectors check will be required of successful candidates. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. No telephone or faxed applications will be accepted.