

SHERBROOKE RESTORATION COMMISSION
JOB POSTING



A PART of THE NOVA SCOTIA MUSEUM

Sherbrooke Village is seeking a collaborative, personable, and creative person to support the Farmer and interpretation of Sherbrooke Village's Farm operations. Sherbrooke Village occupies a 53-acre site with over 80 frame buildings reflecting rural village life of the 1860-1880 period. The Farm Program is important to the Museum program, providing care of animals and interpretation of 19th century farming and agricultural practices. The Farm Assistant learns from the Farm Supervisor to support farm operations and provides engaging interpretation for a variety of visitors.

Sherbrooke Village is in search of someone who can bring an adaptable, dependable, and responsible attitude backed by accountability and sound judgment. We seek to improve the enjoyment and understanding of authentic Nova Scotian histories presented in a unique museum setting. You'll work primarily outdoors and in the farm buildings with periods of intensity demonstrating and engaging visitors during busy tourism seasons where excellent customer service is our priority.

The Farmer Assistant reports to the Farm Supervisor with support from the Heritage Interpretation team. They provide vital services for the smooth running of the farm program and the Museum site for the public.

Type of Employment: One season, Term position

Salary: \$20.40 per hour at 35 hrs per week, plus 4% vacation pay.

Start Date: May 20, 2025 for a minimum of 18 weeks

Work Hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 9:30AM to 5PM

Core activities include:

- Working with other site staff, will greet visitors and provide them with introductions to the farm, Museum program, and Sherbrooke Village history.
- Welcome visitors using first-person interpretation ("Welcome to the Cruickshank Barn, I'm the Farm Assistant and I'm about to feed the cows, would you like to help me?")
- Assist visitors in engaging with farm animals, engaging them in farm demonstrations and experiences.
- Support the Farm Supervisor with interpretation of the farm, conducting demonstrations of period activities (chores, crafts, skills and gardening), and organizing supplies and equipment.
- Provide care for animals on-site including proper feeding of animals, grooming and cleaning of pens and stables.
- Ensure the health and safety of all animals by identifying and reporting on risks or general changes to their health and well-being.
- Wear period clothing according to Sherbrooke Village Wardrobe standards.
- Ensure the building, equipment, and grounds around the Farm areas are cared for in accordance with Museum standards.
- Provide recommendations for the Farm Supervisor on the improvement of the farm program.
- Supports other areas of interpretation as required.

Qualifications

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 knowledge of large animal care (cows, chickens, sheep), farm chores and farm management techniques.
- Experience training and caring for horses.
- Ability to speak in front of groups and interact with people of all ages and backgrounds
- Ability to coordinate activities with other staff in a manner that causes harmonious and effective teamwork when working close to the public.
- Demonstrated experience exercising sound judgement.
- Currently has or is willing and able to get certified upon appointment in the following: First Aid, WHIMS, Working at Heights, Working in Confined Spaces, Hazardous Materials Awareness, Occupational Health & Safety training and Safe Work Practices.

Great-to-Haves

- Experience working in spaces with complex mechanical systems
- Demonstrated interest in farm animals and farm management.

Please provide complete and thorough details of your education and experience. All complete applications must include a cover letter and current resumé with references and should be clearly marked "Farm Assistant". Resume and Cover letter must be sent or delivered:

Sherbrooke Village, ATTN: Executive Director,
42 Main St., PO Box 295, Sherbrooke, NS B0J 3C0 by close of business **January 31, 2025**.
Emails must include a cover letter and current resumé with references and must be sent to:
Sherbrooke.ED@novascotia.ca

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 Child Abuse Registry 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.