

Miller/Historian

The Historic Sites of the Morris County Park Commission seeks a dynamic individual to manage its Cooper Gristmill location in Chester, NJ. The site is on the National and State Historic Registers. The ideal candidate will develop and implement quality educational programs and events to a diverse audience.

As the Miller/Historian, the candidate plans, develops, presents, and supervises educational programs (including school, scout, home school, and adult programming), and all special event programming throughout the season. The position requires the candidate to address the mechanical needs of this working historic water-powered gristmill by identifying, analyzing and fixing belts, gears, and other modern and/or historic equipment to operate the Mill. This includes, but is not limited to evaluating and dressing millstones, monitoring water to the Mill from the adjacent millpond and the flume. The ideal candidate assists with the development of a budget for the site, and will work with maintenance staff, and staff from other Morris County Park Commission historic sites as needed. The Miller/Historian will evaluate programs and events to assure they are effective and meet educational standards and goals as defined by the New Jersey core curriculum standards. The chosen candidate will supervise assigned subordinate personnel and volunteers, and will wear period historic clothing during public programming hours.

Qualifications: The successful candidate will be a college graduate with a major program study in history, museum studies, or a related field, have a minimum of 3 year's experience working in a gristmill, independently, or alongside an experienced Miller, the ability to fix, troubleshoot, and operate a working gristmill, and have a minimum of 3 years of experience developing and implementing educational programming and events in a historic setting. The Miller/Historian works a flexible schedule, is computer literate, and able to lift 50 lbs.

The position will begin no earlier than September 1, 2017, and will train alongside the current miller.

The chosen candidate must be a New Jersey resident within one year of being hired for the position, and possess a valid NJ driver's license.

The position is full-time, 40 hours per week, including weekends and holidays as assigned. Please send a cover letter, resume, and three references to: Mark Sutherland, Manager of Historic Sites, 73 Kahdena Road, Morristown, NJ 07960, or msutherland@morrisparks.net. No phone calls please. For more information about the Morris County Park Commission and the Cooper Gristmill, visit morrisparks.net or friendsoffosterfieldsandcoopermill.org

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