POSITION DESCRIPTION – Lake Superior Ojibwe Youth Internship
Madeline Island Museum, La Pointe Wisconsin
Working Title: Leadership Intern

Summer 2024

The Madeline Island Museum seeks a high school or college-aged enrolled member or descendent of a Lake Superior Ojibwe tribe, for a summer internship in LaPointe, Wisconsin on Mooniingwanekaaning-minis. The Leadership Intern will be guided by the Madeline Island Museum Site Director and select staff through a variety of learning opportunities within the museum, in the lands and waters of Madeline Island and Ceded Territory.

Leadership Intern Duties and Opportunities

Learn about all aspects of the Madeline Island Museum:
Collections, exhibits, admissions and visitor services, museum interpretation, museum store operation, and customer service.

Learn from Ojibwe Elders:
Madeline Island history, artifacts, and Ojibwe storytelling

Travel to experience:
Apostle Islands/Wenaaboozhoo Ominisan
Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission
Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council
Bad River and Red Cliff Tribal Governments
State and Tribal Museums
Sandy Lake Ceremony – Minnesota
GLIFWC Healing Circle Walk/Run
Wisconsin Historical Society Headquarters-Madison, WI.
Red Cliff Powwow
Bad River Powwow
Harvesting and Food Sovereignty Workshops
Lake Superior Day in Bad River
Northern Great Lakes Visitors Center

Qualifications, Knowledge and Experience: Individual should have an active interest in learning about Ojibwe history, Tribal Government and Organizations, and Treaty Rights. Individual will have an interest in learning the history of the Madeline Island Historical Museum, its permanent collections, interpretive scope and mission.

To apply for the Madeline Island Museum’s Lake Superior Ojibwe Youth Internship:
Please submit a completed letter to: michael.wiggins@wisconsinhistory.org
For questions, contact:
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A Leadership Intern letter should include the responses to the points listed below:
Your full name and complete contact information.

Why you are interested in participating in the Madeline Island Museum Internship Program?

What unique skills, experiences, and talents will you bring to the program? This can include your academic experience as well as personal experiences.

One letter of recommendation

Additional documents such as a resume and employment history may be attached but are not required for consideration.

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Hours and Compensation:

The Intern will work with the Site Director to determine their schedule. Intern should expect to work between 24 to 30 hours per week (up to 480 hours total), including some weekend and evening hours. Time will be split between working on site at the Madeline Island Museum and an offsite location to be determined. The Madeline Island season is from May 25 to October 2, 2024. This is a Limited Term Employment opportunity with the Wisconsin Historical Society, and does not include any benefits. Wisconsin residency is required for Limited Term Employment positions. Limited Term Employment (LTE) positions are not civil service classified positions, do not give any rights to permanent civil service classified positions and do not lead to permanent status. The compensation will be $17.00 per hour.

Selection process

Applicants applying to the priority deadline (Monday, May 13, 2024) will be considered first. An interview will be conducted either via virtual meeting or in person. An interview does not guarantee selection into the program. Selection will be based on the information provided in the application form and supporting documentation and through the interview process.

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