

Living History Apprentice Application 2025

Before you begin...

Please note that the Living History Apprentice program is competitive and unfortunately not all applicants will be selected. Those who wish to apply should complete the application below. After all parts of your application (application and BOTH reference forms) has been received, you will be contacted via e-mail to select your interview time. Selections will be made following the conclusion of the interviews and applicants will be notified of their acceptance status at that time.

LHA Applicant Information

Applicant's First & Last Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

(optional) E-mail address _____

Birthdate _____

School _____ Current Grade _____

Will you be at least 11 years old or completed the 5th grade as of May 31, 2025? Yes No

Parent / Guardian Information

(Required) Parent or Guardian #1 Name _____

Phone Number (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Is parent/guardian's address the same as the LHA's address above? Yes No

If no, please fill out: Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

(Optional) Parent or Guardian #2 Name _____

Phone Number (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Is parent/guardian's address the same as the LHA's address above? Yes No

If no, please fill out: Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Short-Answer Questions

Why do you want to become a Living History Apprentice?

How does understanding history help us today?

What is your favorite historical time period and why?

What is your favorite subject in school and why?

Please describe your previous experience with Stuhr Museum.

What is one aspect of life in the past that you learned from Stuhr Museum?

What responsibilities do you have at home or school? (Example: washing the dishes, babysitting, mentoring, etc.)

Help us get to know you!

Check the boxes that best describe you from the list below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I am creative | <input type="checkbox"/> I like to sew |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I like craft projects | <input type="checkbox"/> I like to cook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I like to work with children | <input type="checkbox"/> I like researching things |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am outgoing | <input type="checkbox"/> I like wearing historic clothing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I like speaking in public | <input type="checkbox"/> I would prefer not to wear historic clothing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I like to build things | <input type="checkbox"/> I like to help with fast-paced projects/events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am shy/quiet | <input type="checkbox"/> I like to help with slower-paced projects/events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I like to draw or paint | <input type="checkbox"/> I like to teach people about the past |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I like to act or perform | <input type="checkbox"/> I like helping others learn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I like to come up with new ideas | <input type="checkbox"/> I accept criticism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am friendly | <input type="checkbox"/> I know how to sweep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I follow directions well | <input type="checkbox"/> I have experience working around animals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I like to garden | <input type="checkbox"/> I am comfortable singing a solo in public |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I like to read | <input type="checkbox"/> I am comfortable singing in a group in public |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I pay attention to details | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I like things tidy | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I finish what I start | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am easily bored | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I like to take pictures | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I like to keep busy | |

What type of volunteer opportunities are you interested in helping with as an LHA?

- Helping with Summer Adventures classes (weekdays during June & July)
- Helping with Workshops (held year-round)
- Historical Interpretation in Railroad Town (Open daily May through mid-September)
- Behind-the-scenes work (event set-up, class prep, light office work, etc.)

What events are you interested in helping with?

**Note: this is not an official sign-up to help with these events, just a way for us to learn about your area of interest!*

- Memorial Day (May)
- Independence Day (July)
- Back to School in Railroad Town (August)
- Agricultural Fair in Railroad Town (September)
- Cornhusking Contest (September)
- All Hallows' Eve (October)
- North Pole Express (November)
- Christmas Past & Present (December)
- Other

Interviews: April 3 & 4, 2025

Each LHA applicant will need to complete a short interview before being accepted into the program.

Once we have received your application and BOTH reference forms, we will e-mail you a link to sign up for your interview time. Interview times are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so please be sure to ask your references to fill out their form in a timely manner!

Each interview typically lasts 10-15 minutes. Interview times will be available on April 3 & 4 after school hours between 4:15-6:15 pm. (You'll pick an exact time when you sign up for your interview.)

I understand that I must sign up for an interview time after my application and BOTH reference forms have been received using the link that will be e-mailed to me. Yes

Training: May 23 & 24, 2025

LHA Training will take place on Friday, May 23 and Saturday, May 24, 2025 from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. This training is mandatory in order to prepare Living History Apprentices for the volunteer work they will be performing. Applicants accepted to the LHA program will need to pay a \$75 training fee prior to the first day of training. *Please note, the Youth Luminary Volunteer Scholarship is available to LHA applicants who are in need of financial assistance.

I understand that if I am accepted to the Living History Apprentice program that I must attend the mandatory training on May 23 & 24 and pay a \$75 fee. Yes

Scholarship

Financial assistance is available to LHA applicants through the Youth Luminary Volunteer Scholarship to cover the expenses of training and historic clothing. If you are planning to apply for this scholarship, please indicate that below. Please note, applying for the scholarship does not affect your eligibility to participate in the LHA program in any way and will be kept confidential.

- I will be applying for the Youth Luminary Volunteer Scholarship
- I will NOT be applying for the Youth Luminary Volunteer Scholarship

LHA Clothing

All selected LHAs will be provided with an LHA t-shirt to wear for modern volunteer assignments and will also need to have a historical outfit to wear. Guidelines for these outfits will be sent home with you following your interview, however you are also welcome to contact us in advance if you have questions. Your historical clothing will need to be approved and ready to wear by training. See the website for more information about the approval process.

Clothing disclaimer

- I understand that historic clothing must be approved prior to training and ready to wear. If I have questions, I can contact Alyssa and she will help me.

LHA T-Shirt

Each applicant chosen for the 2025 LHA class will be given a t-shirt at training. What size shirt will you wear in summer 2025? (Note - you will also have the opportunity to purchase an additional t-shirt or sweatshirt if you would like following acceptance into the program)

Circle shirt size

Youth Medium (10/12) Youth Large (14/16) Adult Small Adult Medium Adult Large

Reference Forms

Each LHA applicant is asked to have two adults NOT RELATED TO YOU fill out a reference form and return it by the application deadline on March 15, 2025. A link to both a printable reference form and a digital reference form can be found on the LHA web page (where you found this application). Paper forms can be uploaded below with your application or mailed to Stuhr Museum LHA - 3133 W. US Hwy 34 - Grand Island, NE 68801. The digital form may be filled out by your reference and submitted online. Please list the names of the two references you plan to ask. (Don't worry if you change your mind and ask someone else - this just helps us to keep all the parts of your application together!)

Reference #1 _____

Reference #2 _____

Acknowledgements

I hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a false statement may disqualify me for qualification.

Yes

This is the end of the application! Now all that's left to do is turn it in:

- Deliver in person to Stuhr Museum (you can leave it at the Gate House or Stuhr Building)
- Scan and submit via e-mail to: lha@stuhrmuseum.org
- Mail to: LHA Program / Stuhr Museum
3133 W. US Hwy 34
Grand Island, NE 68801