

**DO YOU LOVE  
HISTORY?**

**JOIN US IN  
BRINGING IT TO  
LIFE.**

**LEARN ABOUT A  
CAREER IN THE  
MUSEUM FIELD BY  
DEVELOPING AND  
CONDUCTING  
PRESENTATIONS IN  
PERIOD CLOTHES  
WHILE EARNING  
SERVICE LEARNING  
CREDITS.**



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# **SURRATT HOUSE JUNIOR DOCENT PROGRAM**

## THE STORY

Arrested, tried, and sentenced as a member of John Wilkes Booth's plot to murder President Abraham Lincoln, Mary Surratt became the first woman executed by the Federal Government. The decision and Mary's level of involvement remain a controversial issue to this day.

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**SURRATT HOUSE  
MUSEUM IS  
SEEKING  
STUDENTS  
PASSIONATE  
ABOUT HISTORY  
THAT HAVE A  
DESIRE TO SHARE  
THE MUSEUM'S  
FASCINATING  
STORY WITH  
VISITORS.**

## MORE INFO:

### The Program

Students will be trained by museum staff to:

- interact with visitors
- conduct guided house tours
- develop educational programs
- conduct historic research
- wear period correct clothing

### Qualifications

Students must be:

- in the 9th–12th grades
- have reliable transportation
- be willing to work 2–3 days a month for length of program

### Specifics

The program runs from June 27–August 23, 2020. Details for applications can be found on our web site at [www.surratt.org/junior-docent-program](http://www.surratt.org/junior-docent-program)

## **Surratt House Museum's Summer Junior Docent Program**

The Surratt House Museum Junior Docent Program provides a unique opportunity for regional high school students to work with families and children in an educational setting and develop important public speaking and engagement skills while learning about and sharing the history of the Surratt House, President Abraham Lincoln's assassination, the man hunt for John Wilkes Booth, and the trial of Mary Surratt and other conspirators involved with Booth. Junior Docents will lead exhibition tours and facilitate hands-on activities for children in the Surratt House and on the museum property. Junior Docents will also be provided with an opportunity to develop, create, and implement a special educational program for the Surratt House Museum.

### **Who Can Apply?**

You must be at least 14 years old and have completed the 8th grade to be eligible for this opportunity. Homeschool students that meet the age and grade requirements are also eligible to apply. Teens are not required to live in Prince George's County, however you must have a reliable means of transportation to and from the Surratt House Museum for training, meetings and volunteering sessions. Accepted students will be required to complete a training session to learn about history and develop public speaking skills. Junior Docents will also learn about educational practices including using inquiry, how to adapt to different learning styles and engaging with diverse audiences. Safety procedures will also be covered in the training.

### What skills do I need? Junior Docents should:

- have a passion for history and learning
- be mature and articulate
- be able to work with different audiences including adults, families and children;
- have good communication skills, respect for multiple points of view, and a willingness to encourage others to share

We seek teens who are excited about history and want to learn more about how museums serve the public through education.

### What is the commitment?

- Attend required training sessions; June 29 – July 1. Additional opportunities for training will also be available.
- After training, Junior Docents will be required to attend a final meeting on Friday, August 21.
- Be physically capable of leading a tour
- Read and study materials on history and education
- Commit to volunteering to a minimum of 3 shifts per month. Choices are Saturdays and/or Sundays from 10am – 1pm and/or 1pm – 4pm, June 27 – August 23, 2020.