



Job Posting

USCT (United States Colored Troops) Living History Interpreter

Friends of the African Union Church Cemetery
PO Box 4200, Delaware City, DE 19706
www.africanunioncemetery.org

Pay: \$200 per program (+ \$50 per additional program at same venue on same day); Mileage reimbursement at the current U.S. government rate.

FAUCC Contact: Info@AfricanUnionCemetery.org

The Friends of the African Union Church Cemetery (FAUCC) is located in Delaware City, Delaware. It's a very active nonprofit whose mission is to maintain the historic 19th century African Union Church Cemetery where local Black Civil War soldiers are interred, to increase awareness of Polktown, one of earliest free Black settlements in Delaware, and to present historically researched programs to the public including the living history *Voices from the Past* program.

This position is for an individual to portray, in costume, a 19th century United States Colored Trooper (USCT)*. The **Living History Interpreter** will be paid on a contracted, per performance basis and must be available on various days to provide interpretation in schools and other venues where hours may vary.

All performances are scheduled on an as requested basis as schools and other venues book them. The successful applicant must pass a Delaware State Police background check, a requirement to work in schools, paid for by the Friends of the African Union Church Cemetery, and provide their own transportation to venues throughout Delaware. Costume and props will be provided by the Friends of the African Union Church Cemetery.

*Colored, in this time period, refers to a soldier of African descent.

Essential Qualities

- Able to communicate effectively with a diverse public in large and small groups or audiences in order to portray in first-person, and/or third-person, a USCT as part of historical education programming.
- Ability to work as part of an educational/interpreter team under the direction of the Interpreter Program Manager.
- Possess, or have the ability to acquire in a short time to be determined, in-depth knowledge of the history of the USCT and their historic context. **It's a requirement that the Living History Interpreter accurately present the material which is based on primary historical research.**



- Possess, or have the ability to acquire in a short time knowledge of period clothing, and other military equipment used by the USCT.
- Present a pleasant and engaging personality, be outgoing and show respect to audiences of all ages and at all times.
- Must be able to work flexible hours, including weekends or holidays.

Desired Qualifications

- A high school diploma is required. College degree desired. Class work and/or classroom teaching in U.S. history, anthropology, museum studies, or other closely-related fields is preferable.
- Previous volunteer or paid previous experience in theater, museums, education, or training.
- Willingness to perform an audition for position organized by the Friends of the African Union Church Cemetery.

To Apply

- A letter of application outlining how the applicant's qualifications meet Essential Duties and Desired Qualifications. The letter must include full contact details (name, address, phone, and email) and best times to call to arrange interview/audition.
- A resume of relevant education and experience.
- A list of three references, at least one of which must be a former employer, with name, how they know the applicant, telephone number, and email address.
- **Submit resume to Friends of the African Union Church Cemetery Selection Committee at info@AfricanUnionCemetery.org**

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