

Mystic Whaler Educator Application

What is a *Mystic Whaler* Educator?

The Hudson River Sloop *Clearwater* has been providing students of the Hudson Valley with hands on environmental experiences sailing on the river for 40 years. Our sister ship, the *Mystic Whaler* sails with us from April to June providing an equally amazing educational adventure. *Clearwater* provides the crew of the *Mystic Whaler* with two fulltime live-aboard educators, interns and four volunteers to run our Classroom of the Waves programs.

Educators live aboard the schooner and lead two three-hour education programs with up to 50 passengers almost every day, designing innovative and exciting activities based on the interests of the students and ability of the volunteers. Educators also train interns and 6 new volunteers to help teach the learning stations aboard each week. (Stations cover topics such as navigation, fish, macro invertebrates, climate change, water chemistry and history). Educators operate and maintain a trawl net, plankton tow and other sampling equipment. They also must coordinate program content between schools and the *Clearwater* office. This is a very challenging and exciting position outside on the water, teaching and inspiring the next generation of environmental leaders.

Who can apply?

Applicants should have a degree in education, natural sciences, environment studies, or related fields. Several years of classroom or outdoor teaching experience are also required. Applicants must be in reasonably good physical condition, be self-motivated, enjoy public speaking, have experience with environmental topics and most of all have a passion for teaching. Applicants must be willing to live on board a ship that sails primarily on the Hudson River but changes docks frequently. Sailing and/or musical experience is not required but is a big plus. If you have any questions about the position please send them in with you application and one of our educators will contact you.

What does the *Mystic Whaler* Educator gain from this position?

Educators can expect to gain: teaching experience, knowledge of sailing, a greater familiarity with the issues and ecology of the Hudson River, some serious calluses, fantastic tales of adventure to share with friends, a \$450.00 weekly stipend, room and board, and a lasting relationship with one of the most prestigious environmental education organizations in the Hudson Valley.

Educators get two days off for every five they work and are responsible for scheduling them with the other educator and interns. This is a full time position from early to mid April, until the *Clearwater* music festival at the end of June.

HOW DO I APPLY?

If you are interested, please send a resume and cover letter to:

Attn: Onboard Educators

Hudson River Sloop *Clearwater*

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Beacon, NY 12508

Or email to: Isaac@clearwater.org