

***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 six 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 the beginning of April until the Clearwater music festival at the end of June.

HOW DO I APPLY?

If you are interested, please complete the following application.

Send it along with a resume and cover letter to:

Attn: Onboard Educators
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater
724 Wolcott Ave
Beacon, NY 12508

Or email to: maija@clearwater.org

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Please print and complete the following application. Feel free to attach additional sheets if necessary.

Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____ Age _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

1. What teaching experience do you have?

2. Educators' primary responsibility is to run the three-hour sails, leading up to 50 students through large group activities as well as coordinating the smaller station rotations. Do you have experience working with large groups and are you comfortable in that setting?

3. *Clearwater* provides the *Mystic Whaler* with 4 to 6 new volunteers each week to help teach the smaller learning stations. Educators spend a full day with the new volunteers training them with our education curriculum and materials. Do you have experience teaching or training other adults?

4. Music is an important component in *Clearwater's* education programs, do you have any experience playing an instrument or singing with students?

5. *Clearwater's* education programs are environmentally based. Have you studied, researched or taught environmental topics before?

6. *Mystic Whaler* educators work together as a team leading the interns and volunteers but are expected to obey the orders and rules of the captain and mate onboard the ship. Do you consider yourself a leader? Are you comfortable taking direction from other leaders?

7. Educators live aboard the boat with the rest of the crew; do you have experience living in a tight communal setting with shared working and living conditions? Is it a lifestyle you enjoy?

8. What are some of your special skills, hobbies, or interests (acting, painting, rubiks cube)?

9. Have you sailed aboard *Clearwater* or the *Mystic Whaler* (as a student, volunteer or participant in a leadership program)?

10. Why do you want to be an Educator with *Clearwater's* sister ship the *Mystic Whaler*, and what do you hope to get out of the experience?

Thanks! Please send this application plus a resume, a short writing sample and cover letter to:

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