

Onboard Education Coordinator Application

What is a *Clearwater* or *Mystic Whaler* Onboard Education Coordinator?

The Hudson River Sloop *Clearwater* has been providing students of the Hudson Valley with hands on environmental experiences sailing on the river for almost 50 years. *Clearwater* sails daily on the Hudson River from April until the end of October, and the *Mystic Whaler* with us from April until the end of June, running a variety of programs for students of all ages. There are two Onboard Education Coordinators positions for each boat. These are full time seasonal positions from April until the end of June for the *Mystic Whaler* (3-Month) or October for the *Clearwater* (8-Month).

Onboard Education Coordinator responsibilities:

- Work closely with the other Onboard Education Coordinator alternating schedules but sharing responsibilities on the boat and in the office
- Work under the Education Director and Captains while onboard and in the office
- Live aboard the vessel with the option to stay in crew quarters while at office
- Lead two three-hour environmental education programs with up to 50 passengers almost every day
- Share responsibilities in training crew and 4 new volunteers to teach the learning stations each week (Stations cover topics such as navigation, fish, macro invertebrates, climate change, water chemistry and history).
- Operate and maintain a trawl net, plankton tow, water quality data equipment, and monitor aquarium life.
- Maintain a strong line of communication between the boat and office
- Manage, support, and recruit volunteers
- Stay up to date on environmental issues developing in the Hudson Valley and pass along information regularly to the crew, interns and volunteers
- Be an exemplary crew member and model good shipboard/community behavior
- *Clearwater* only: Spend three days at the office in Beacon every other week to prepare administratively for the upcoming week's volunteers, teachers and students for their time onboard.
- *Clearwater* only: Help Education Director coordinate multi-day Youth Empowerment Programs onboard the boat in July and August

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 desired. Applicants must be in reasonably good physical condition, be self-motivated, enjoy public speaking, have experience with environmental topics, thrive in communal living conditions 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 and have the option of staying in crew quarters while working from the office. Sailing and/or musical experience is not required but is a big plus.

What does the Onboard Education Coordinator gain from this position?

Education Coordinators 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, a weekly stipend, and a lasting relationship with one of the most prestigious environmental education organizations in the Hudson Valley. Room and board are included while living on the boat and crew quarters are available while working in the office.

Clearwater Education Coordinators work seven days on the boat followed by seven days off the boat all season. During the off week, *Clerwater* Education Coordinators must schedule three work days in the Beacon office to call volunteers and teachers, update the volunteer database, continue to expand their knowledge of the Hudson River, and help prepare for summer Youth Empowerment Programs. *Mystic Whaler* Education Coordinators live fulltime aboard the schooner with administrative responsibilities, such as teacher and volunteer coordination, occurring primarily on the vessel.

How Do I Apply?

If you are interested, please complete the following application.
Send it along with a resume and cover letter to:

Attn: Education Director
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater
724 Wolcott Ave
Beacon, NY 12508

Or email to: educator@clearwater.org

Onboard Education Coordinator

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

Name: _____ Age _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

References: Please provide contact information for two professional references: (name, email, phone number)

- 7. *Clearwater* and *Mystic Whaler* Education Coordinators 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. Have you sailed aboard *Clearwater* or the *Mystic Whaler* (as a student, volunteer or participant in a leadership program)?**

- 9. *Clearwater* is always looking for grants, personal donations and other fundraising strategies to support our programs. Do you have experience raising money, writing grants or organizing events?**

- 10. Why do you want to be an Onboard Education Coordinator, and what do you hope to get out of the experience?**

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