

# HISTORICAL PRESERVATION APPRENTICESHIPS

## Part-Time Paid Training Program



Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation, managers of the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, is seeking part-time apprentices for its new Historical Preservation Workforce Training Program.

### POSITION DESCRIPTION

This six-month training program will provide knowledge of historic preservation principles and hands-on skills training in the historic trades. Trainees will receive specialized training and earn a competitive hourly wage while helping preserve some of our region's most iconic historical structures like the Carrie Blast Furnaces National Historic Landmark. This position reports to the Facilities Operations Director & Construction Project Manager.

Trainees will learn skills in traditional trades associated with the repair, maintenance, and preservation of historical and industrial structures and equipment. The program will focus, in part, on the reassembly of an historic 48-inch universal plate mill, currently located at the Carrie Blast Furnaces, which operated in the United States Steel Homestead Works facility until its closure in 1979. Trainees will learn from skilled engineers and technicians with decades of experience in historic trades and heritage preservation. Their hands-on work to reassemble this one-of-a-kind piece of machinery will enable future public interpretation.

The Historical Preservation Workforce Training Program focuses on the following skills:

- Iron work
- Welding and fabrication
- Heavy equipment operation
- Laborer
- Historical equipment mechanic
- Carpentry
- Read and understand blueprints and construction drawings
- Develop job safety and good work practices

### QUALIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

Qualified candidates will possess the following attributes:

- Familiarity with basic hand tools and power tools (hammers, drills, saws, etc.)
- Demonstrated ability to work in a team setting and efficiently achieve objectives
- General interest in the region's industrial heritage and willingness to learn new skills
- Prior trade or technical school experience is encouraged
- Prior knowledge of historic preservation is encouraged
- Must hold a valid Pennsylvania Driver's License
- Must adhere to all safety standards

### POSITION COMPENSATION & DETAILS

This is a part-time position. Hours will not exceed 25 hours per week. The rate is \$20 per hour with accruable paid sick leave. No additional benefits are included with this position.

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- All employees are required to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 or submit to a weekly COVID test.
- Must have or be able to obtain Pennsylvania Act 33/34 and FBI clearances.

## **ABOUT RIVERS OF STEEL**

Founded on the principles of heritage development, community partnership, and a reverence for the region's natural and shared resources, Rivers of Steel strengthens the economic and cultural fabric of western Pennsylvania by fostering dynamic initiatives and transformative experiences.

Rivers of Steel showcases the artistry and innovation of our region's industrial and cultural heritage through its historical and 21st-century attractions—offering unique experiences via tours, workshops, exhibitions, festivals, and more. Behind the scenes, Rivers of Steel supports economic revitalization, working at the grassroots level to deepen community partnerships, promote heritage tourism, and preserve local recreational and cultural resources for future generations.

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Please provide a detailed resume and cover letter delineating your relevant experience to [employment@riversofsteel.com](mailto:employment@riversofsteel.com).

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled; however, applications received before June 1, 2023 will receive priority consideration. Only applicants most closely qualified for the position will be contacted for an interview.

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