

Hidden Lives Illuminated Program Ambassadors (Temporary, Part-Time)

Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site (ESPHS) seeks outgoing, engaging and passionate people for the position of Program Ambassador. Program Ambassadors serve as the face of [Hidden Lives Illuminated](#), a month long summer event featuring animated films made by incarcerated artists projected on to the façade of ESPHS nightly. A detailed description for the position appears below; please follow specific instructions to apply.

Program Ambassadors will support free nightly programming happening inside and outside of OCF Coffee House, located across from ESPHS and serving as the hub for Hidden Lives Illuminated. In addition to film screenings, programming will include hands-on activities, art making, guest speakers and more.

Other responsibilities include welcoming guests, tidying activity stations, leading small group discussions, and setting up and breaking down the event each evening. Please note that Program Ambassadors will spend their workday in outdoor conditions.

You are a great fit for this job if you are:

- A natural at leading conversations and making people feel comfortable.
- A clear, confident, thoughtful, and open conversationalist who can foster space for diverse opinions that may differ from your own.
- Willing to learn and share knowledge with people from a wide range of ages, backgrounds, and interests. This includes politically and culturally sensitive subject matter such as crime, race and prison stereotypes.
- Flexible and adapt quickly.
- Exceptional in providing customer service.
- Able to work well on your own, but also enjoy collaboration.
- Willing to work outdoors in all types of weather.
- Able to work evenings and weekends.

We especially encourage you to apply if you:

- Speak more than one language.
- Live in a neighborhood close by ESPHS.
- Have a basic knowledge of the criminal justice system and prisons. This includes personal and/or professional experience with the criminal justice system.
- Have ever been told that you ask thought-provoking questions.
- Consider yourself a creative and/or artistic person.
- Have an interest in film and storytelling.

To apply:

[Click here to apply](#). Paper applications are also available at ESPHS, located on Fairmount Avenue between 21st and 22nd Streets, between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm. The deadline for applications is Sunday, July 14, 2019 at 5 PM. If we choose to move forward with your application, a member of our staff will contact you to schedule an interview. All applicants will be contacted, even if not selected for an interview. No phone calls please.

About Temporary Employment at ESPHS:

This position is temporary and part-time, beginning in early August and ending in mid-September. Applicants must be available for weekday and weekend evening shifts (approx. 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm). Hourly rate begins at \$12.50/hr.

Equal Opportunity Employer Statement:

Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer that does not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived race, creed, color, religion, alienage or national origin, ancestry, citizenship status, age, disability or handicap, sex, marital status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, arrest record or any other characteristic protected by applicable federal, state or local laws.

Our management team is dedicated to this policy with respect to recruitment, hiring, placement, promotion, transfer, training, compensation, benefits, employee activities and general treatment during employment. ESPHS strongly believes in second chances and, as such, is committed to providing appropriate employment opportunities to those who have been incarcerated. As a condition of employment, all individuals who accept an employment offer must complete a criminal background check. Eastern State will review any criminal record and make appropriate employment decisions in accordance with applicable law and its policies.

About ESPHS and Hidden Lives Illuminated:

When Eastern State opened more than 180 years ago, it changed the world. The first prison of its kind – a penitentiary – it was designed to inspire true regret in the hearts of prisoners. The building itself was an architectural wonder; it had running water and central heat before the White House, and attracted visitors from around the globe.

Although the prison now stands in ruin, its story remains relevant today. When Eastern State Penitentiary opened as a historic site in 1994, it attracted just over 10,000 daytime visitors – in 2018 it was visited by more than 275,000. The site's programming continues to grow by inviting the public into new spaces, mounting original exhibits and artist installations, and engaging visitors in dialogue about history that deepen the national discussion about criminal justice today.

Hidden Lives Illuminated reflects ESPHS' new mission and vision by bringing the often invisible stories of people living in prisons to light against the backdrop of the historic site's dramatic exterior stone walls. The series will feature nightly screenings of newly-commissioned, animated short films created by currently-incarcerated artists living in Pennsylvania correctional institutions. With Hidden Lives Illuminated, ESPHS can structure dialogue around the literal voices of men and women living inside prisons today.

For more information please visit easternstate.org and hiddenlives.org.