

# COGGESHALL FARM MUSEUM

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## VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Coggeshall Farm Museum's mission statement is to represent a Rhode Island coastal farm in the 1790's and the communities in which it existed. We are a 21<sup>st</sup> century educational institution interpreting a part of life in late 18<sup>th</sup> century Rhode Island. Many tasks and many talents are required for Coggeshall Farm Museum to pursue its mission. As a volunteer, you will be helping the Museum to achieve this goal, and in so doing, a part of you will become a thread in the fabric of the Museum. As a volunteer, you will be recognized as unpaid staff, and as such, you will be expected to conduct yourself with the decorum and discipline expected of a staff member of the Museum.

The minimum age for doing site work is 15 years, unless the volunteer is working with a parent or guardian who has been accepted as a volunteer, is part of an organized group activity, or is working at a Museum event. The age for volunteers doing historical interpretive work is flexible.

As a 21<sup>st</sup> century living history museum, Coggeshall Farm Museum needs a wider variety of skills and talents than is required in most other organizations or fields. We need people who are proficient with digital imaging and people who can dye linen using natural dyes and traditional techniques. Some other examples are: sewers, gardeners and grounds workers, office workers, carpenters, masons, writers, researchers, bookkeepers and accountants, photographers, weavers, knitters, spinners, painters, blacksmiths, designers and artists, woodworkers, potters, weekend event workers and object conservationists. Depending on the task, volunteers may work on the Museum site, at home, or elsewhere.

The type and hours of work you do at the Museum will be recorded. When you need it, a signed statement acknowledging your work record will be provided to you, so you may use it for community service requirements, resumes, etc.

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth if you are under 18: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Skills and interests (if you would, please include job skills): \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have particular skills you wish to practice and develop? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you interested in learning new skills? \_\_\_\_\_

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_

If under 18, the signature of a parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_