

THE STEAMER VIRGINIA V FOUNDATION

C. Keith Birkenfeld Virginia V Youth Maritime Internship Program

Our summer internship program is a great way for high school students ages 16 and up and young people who have recently graduated, to gain paid work experience, explore maritime careers and have fun helping to operate our historic ship. The program runs from late June through late August. For details on the program and the application process, [visit this page of our website.](#)

Overview:

This program is designed to introduce teens aged 16-19 to the skills and tasks associated with maintaining and operating the steamship VIRGINIA V, a U.S. Coast Guard inspected passenger vessel and National Historic Landmark.

Duties:

Over the course of the summer, interns rotate through three different focus areas: Engineering, Deck, and Maintenance. Interns are scheduled for at least four shifts in each area. Shifts range from 4-6 hours depending on the event and the vessel's schedule. Interns are under the supervision of the focus area lead during their shift. For example, while performing engineering duties, interns would report to the Chief Engineer, while working deck, they will be under the authority of the Captain and likely working with the Bosun and Mate who train and supervise the crew's activities.

Training:

The Steamer Virginia V Foundation will provide training in CPR/First aid to the interns as well as provide training in each of the focus areas listed below. In addition, field trips to learn more about maritime careers in the Greater Seattle area are being planned.

Typical duties in each focus area:

1. **Engineering:** lining up pumps, performing oiling rounds and engine maintenance.
2. **Deck crew:** handling of lines, creating a safe cruise experience for passengers, and assisting with navigation and other operational activities.
3. **Maintenance:** cleaning, varnishing, painting and small woodworking projects. In addition, this year we are teaming up with the Center for Wooden Boats to offer our interns a chance to get hands-on boat building experience. The interns will be working to complete two sailing dinghies under the supervision of CWB's expert boatwright, [Dustin Espey.](#)

Compensation:

Seattle minimum wage for 2021 is: \$16.69 per hour.

Requirements:

- Must complete a DOT USCG pre-employment drug test and able to pass random drug tests throughout the internship timeframe.
- Must have weekend and evening availability.
- Minors under 18 must have a parent or guardian signature.

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Scheduling Details:

Commitment: approximately 90 – 100 hours of paid work throughout the summer season.

Upon hiring, interns will work with the Steamer Virginia V Foundation staff to set a schedule for the completion of the engineering, crew and maintenance shifts.

How to apply:

Applications are being accepted through May 17, 2021. Visit this page of our website for details and to download the application. <https://www.virginiav.org/internships/>

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