



Job Description

Schooner Sultana Cook/Deckhand

Last update: December 2024
Position Will Be Filled on a Rolling Basis

SUMMARY

Regulatory Minimum Age_____18 years old
Criminal Background Check Required_____Yes
Pre Employment & Random Drug Testing Required_____Yes
Employment Type_____Seasonal
Standard Work Days/Hours_____Varies, Generally 40 Hours Per Week
Overtime Status_____Exempt
Job Location_____Chestertown, Maryland - Various Chesapeake Ports
Period of Employment_____March - November (specific dates determined at hiring)
Staff Housing Provided_____Yes
Board Provided_____Partial

Weekend Work_____Yes
Residential (Overnight) Work_____Yes

Paid Holidays_____Applicable federal holidays during term of employment
Sick & Safe leave_____Up to 5 paid days per year pro-rated for term of employment
Health Insurance Eligibility_____Eligible if term of employment is 90 days
Health Insurance _____100% employer paid coverage (details provided in interview)

Reports to_____Sultana Captains
Salary_____ \$500-\$550 per week adjusted for experience

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Sultana Education Foundation (SEF), is a private non-profit 501(c)(3) organization based in Chestertown, Maryland that works with over 10,000 students annually, nearly half of which are carried on the namesake schooner *Sultana*, a replica of an 18th century revenue cutter used by the Royal Navy to enforce tax law. The *Sultana* is used as an educational platform focused on teaching History and Ecology.

Cook-Deckhand-Educators implement the education programs of SEF under the direction of the Onboard Education Coordinator, as well as operating the vessel under the direction of the Mate during the spring and Fall. During the Summer this position becomes a full time Cook during our summer liveaboard programs. The Cook is responsible for preparing three meals a day for up to 20 people in *Sultana's* modern

galley. The Sultana's sailing season begins in March each year and concludes in November. During that season we conduct programs for students of all ages. Spring and Fall focus on late elementary age students on 1.5-3 hour programs. Summer is occupied with multi-day programs, some of which are liveaboard.

Key Responsibilities:

- Implement SEF's award winning education curriculum
- Handle dock lines, set sail, furl sail, work aloft
- Act as cook during summer live-aboard programs

CORE QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience cooking for larger groups
- Experience working with children in an educational setting preferred
- Traditional sailing experience a plus
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent educational experience preferred
- Must be able to handle the physical demands of life aboard a tall ship, including lifting (50lbs), climbing, and working in varied weather conditions
- Must be able to safely work with sharp tools or power equipment
- Must be able to observe details at close, medium, and far range

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED/PREFERRED

(SEF may assist and cover expenses for required certifications)

- First Aid & CPR (very welcome)
- Lifeguard Certificate (very welcome)

ABOUT THE SULTANA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Sultana Education Foundation provides hands-on educational opportunities that promote stewardship of the Chesapeake Bay's historic, cultural, and environmental resources. By helping students of all ages develop an appreciation for the Chesapeake Bay, Sultana is working to create a community of individuals who are dedicated to preserving this irreplaceable treasure.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

The Sultana Education Foundation (SEF) is committed to and accountable for advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in all of its forms. We embrace individual uniqueness, foster a culture of inclusion that supports both broad and specific diversity initiatives, leverage the educational and institutional benefits of diversity, and engage all individuals to help them thrive. We value inclusion as a core strength and an essential element of our public service mission.

HOW TO APPLY

Email resume, cover letter, and at least two references to:

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