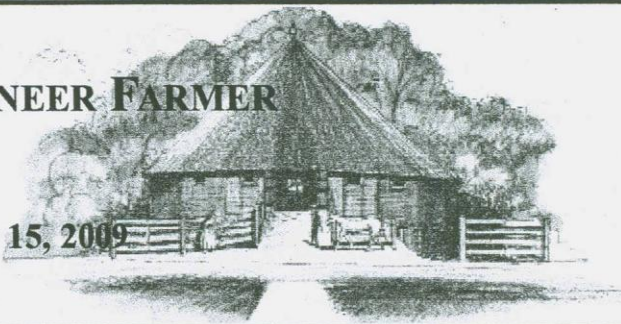


## GEORGE WASHINGTON PIONEER FARMER

HISTORIC MOUNT VERNON  
MOUNT VERNON, VIRGINIA 22121

INTERN APPLICATION - DUE FEBRUARY 15, 2009



George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens is accepting applications from qualified college students for the George Washington Pioneer Farmer Internship Program. Interns accepted into the program will work at the George Washington Pioneer Farmer site, an 18th-century working farm located on the grounds of historic Mount Vernon, 16 miles south of Washington, DC. Interns serve as part of an interpretive team that includes members of the Historic Trades and Livestock staffs.

As part of Mount Vernon's interpretive program, selected applicants will wear period clothing and work on-site at the Pioneer Farm to teach visitors about George Washington's role as an innovative agriculturist and entrepreneur. Selected interns will work under the direction of Mount Vernon's lead interpreters and will conduct a variety of hands-on activities and demonstrations for visitors. Interns also will assist with daily site interpretation.

Mount Vernon will select up to four undergraduate students (ages 18-22) for the internship program. Applicants must have completed at least one year of college before the start of the internship. Candidates should have a strong interest in history, agriculture, teaching and/or museum studies, have strong public speaking skills, and be comfortable around livestock. All interns are required to complete a short training program focusing on interpretation, obtain and demonstrate content knowledge, demonstrate the ability to work with the visiting public, and complete a short research project. All interns are required to participate in several scheduled field trips to selected historic sites and museums. The George Washington Pioneer Farmer Internship period is ten weeks, from June 1, 2009 to August 7, 2009. Selected interns will receive round-trip travel to Washington, DC, a weekly stipend of \$200 (pre-tax), and will be housed in quarters on the Mount Vernon estate.

The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, formed in 1853 to purchase and preserve George Washington's home, is the oldest private preservation organization in the nation. The non-profit association provides a national resource for education about George Washington and currently welcomes over one million visitors a year to his 18th-century plantation home. Mount Vernon is an equal opportunity employer and strongly encourages minorities to apply for educational internships and full-time employment.

The George Washington Pioneer Farmer Internship Program is offered through the generous support of foundations honoring Ezra Taft Benson and Russell G. Mawby, and by the Caterpillar Foundation and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

**This position requires the ability to work outdoors in hot and humid weather; to do rigorous physical activity including demonstrating 18th-century farming methods and field work; to work with 18th-century tools and farming implements; to work inside a dusty barn during wheat threshing; and to greet and talk with visitors to the site.**

Please complete the entire application form and return with a copy of your most recent transcript and a brief chronological resume. Application must be signed, dated and received no later than February 15, 2009 to be eligible for consideration.

**Return Application To:** Education Department  
George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens  
P.O. Box 110  
Mount Vernon, VA 22121  
Attn: Steven T. Bashore, Manager, Historic Trades

For more information on this position please e-mail [PFGMInterns@mountvernon.org](mailto:PFGMInterns@mountvernon.org) or call 703.799.8611.

### I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M F E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Eligible Interns must be 18 years of age on 6/1/09)

College or University: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior)

### II. APPLICANT STATEMENT

On an attached typewritten sheet (not to exceed one page in length), please provide a statement of why you wish to participate in the George Washington Pioneer Farmer Internship Program and the benefits you feel you will gain from this experience.

### III. RELATED SKILLS/ACTIVITIES

Please list specific activities or projects you have completed that reflect skills or experience you feel will assist your work as a Pioneer Farm intern. Include any historic interpretation, museum, public speaking, agricultural, and leadership opportunities.

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**IV. AMERICAN/WORLD HISTORY PROFESSOR RECOMMENDATION (Submit on separate sheet)**

Please indicate the interest, enthusiasm and ability of this applicant towards history. Is he/she able to address groups and/or unfamiliar audiences? Do you believe he/she can work engagingly with a varied audience interpreting history at a large historic site?

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_

**V. ADVISOR/OTHER FACULTY RECOMMENDATION (Submit on separate sheet)**

Please indicate the general abilities of this applicant relative to his/her activities and academic achievements. Include any skills or traits you believe make this student a strong candidate to participate in the **George Washington Pioneer Farmer Internship Program**.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THIS INTERNSHIP?**

- Professor/Faculty
- Mount Vernon Website
- Former Teacher
- A Friend or Sibling
- Previous Intern (Name: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT**

I certify that all information given on this application is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

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**Applicant**

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**Date**

## GEORGE WASHINGTON'S DISTILLERY & GRISTMILL

HISTORIC MOUNT VERNON  
MOUNT VERNON, VIRGINIA 22121

**INTERN APPLICATION - DUE FEBRUARY 15, 2009**



George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens is accepting applications from qualified college students for the George Washington's Distillery & Gristmill Internship Program. Interns accepted into the program will work at George Washington's gristmill, a fully-functional, reconstructed, 18th-century water-powered gristmill, as well as at a reconstruction of Washington's whiskey distillery. Both are located near the grounds of historic Mount Vernon, 19 miles south of Washington, DC. Interns serve as part of an interpretive team that includes millers and other members of the Historic Trades staff.

As part of Mount Vernon's interpretive program, selected applicants will wear period clothing and work on-site at the distillery and gristmill to teach visitors about George Washington's role as an innovative agriculturist and entrepreneur. Selected interns will work under the direction of Mount Vernon's millers and will conduct a variety of hands-on demonstrations for visitors. Interns also will assist with daily site interpretation.

Mount Vernon will select up to two undergraduate students (ages 18-22) for the internship program. Applicants must have completed at least one year of college before the start of the internship. Candidates should have a strong interest in history, agriculture, teaching and/or museum studies and have strong public speaking skills. All interns are required to complete a short training program focusing on interpretation, obtain and demonstrate content knowledge, demonstrate the ability to work with the visiting public, and complete a short research project. All interns are required to participate in several scheduled field trips to selected historic sites and museums. The George Washington Distillery & Gristmill Internship period is ten weeks, from June 1, 2009 to August 7, 2009. Selected interns will receive round-trip travel to Washington, DC, a weekly stipend of \$200 (pre-tax), and will be housed in quarters on the Mount Vernon estate.

The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, formed in 1853 to purchase and preserve George Washington's home, is the oldest private preservation organization in the nation. The non-profit association provides a national resource for education about George Washington and currently welcomes over one million visitors a year to his 18th-century plantation home. Mount Vernon is an equal opportunity employer and strongly encourages minorities to apply for educational internships and full-time employment.

The George Washington Distillery & Gristmill Internship Program is offered through the generous support of foundations honoring Ezra Taft Benson and Russell G. Mawby, and by the Caterpillar Foundation and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

**This position requires the ability to work outdoors in hot and humid weather; to work in a dusty environment during grain milling; to perform some heavy lifting; to work with tools; and to greet and talk with visitors.**

Please complete the entire application form and return with a copy of your most recent transcript and a brief chronological resume. Application must be signed, dated and received no later than February 15, 2009 to be eligible for consideration.

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School Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M F E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Eligible Interns must be 18 years of age on 6/1/09)

College or University: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Year: \_\_\_\_\_

(Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior)

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

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**III. RELATED SKILLS/ACTIVITIES**

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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