



Maritime Educator Job Description **Living Classrooms of the National Capital Region**

The Living Classrooms Foundation is a nonprofit organization, operated for the benefit of the community at large, providing hands-on experiential education, staff development and job training, with a special emphasis on at-risk youth and groups from diverse backgrounds. Utilizing outdoor settings and a low staff to student ratio, the Foundation provides experience-based educational programs emphasizing the applied learning of math, science, language arts, history, economics, and ecology. Key objectives of all Living Classrooms Foundation programs are experiential learning, career development, cooperative learning, community service, elevating self-esteem and fostering multicultural exchange. The Living Classrooms Foundation has the goal of offering hands-on experience based education programs that are of the highest quality and excellence.

Position Overview:

The primary responsibility of the Maritime Educator is to develop and teach educational programs and assist with the safe operation of the *M/V Half Shell* or the *M/V Mildred Belle*, the Chesapeake Bay buy boats operated by Living Classrooms. The Maritime Educator will teach hands-on science to youth in the DC metropolitan area during day and overnight camping trips on the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers, as well as the Chesapeake Bay. The Maritime Educator will assist with vessel maintenance as needed. This position involves working with schools, scouts, summer camps, individual families and other groups from 3rd grade through 12th grade. The Maritime Educator will be assigned to a primary vessel, either the *Half Shell* or the *Mildred Belle*, but will be expected to teach and crew on the other vessel as needed. This is a seasonal position beginning in Early April and lasting into November, dependent on bookings. The Maritime Educator is expected to work a minimum of 80 hours/ 10 days per 2 week pay period; primarily Monday through Friday, 8am-4:30pm, but some weekends and evenings required. In the fall, the *Mildred Belle* will travel the James River, providing educational programming for Richmond and Hampton, VA. During this time period it is expected that educators and captain will stay aboard the *Mildred Belle*. The Maritime Educator works under the direction of the vessel Captain while underway and during maintenance projects and to the Program Director for educational programming. High energy, dedication, enthusiasm, flexibility, organization and an ability to create a vision for the future are required to develop and implement these programs.

Job Responsibilities:

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Teach all shipboard educational programs
- Assist with the safe operation of the vessel
- Assist in the development, planning, and implementation of all educational programming, including prop making as necessary
- Assist with all routine and regularly scheduled maintenance of the boat
- Help create a fun work environment as well as a fun learning environment for students
- Responsible for the maintenance and care of educational equipment & supplies, and to keep them in good condition and in good supply
- Fulfill all duties as a crew as outlined by the Captain and Coast Guard regulations
- Participate in professional development activities and exercises to improve teaching and other skills
- Work cohesively as a team with the Captain, Program Director, Director of Educational Enrichment, other educational staff, partners, all Baltimore-based LCF staff and most importantly LC-NCR's clients
- Assist with teaching programs on other LC-NCR vessels and sites as needed
- Maintain at all times the integrity, quality, and safety of the Living Classrooms Foundation and the experiential education programs provided by this organization
- Encourage and demonstrate the type of professional and courteous work environment that is expected and maintain professionalism at all times as an important representative of the Living Classrooms Foundation
- Such other duties as assigned

Primary Qualifications/Skills:

- Bachelor's degree, preferable in biology, environmental science, or education
- Previous work experience with students is strongly preferred
- Previous work experience with boats and/or outdoor education is a plus
- Ability to work collaboratively with staff
- Exceptional verbal communication skills
- Willingness to get wet/dirty on a daily basis

Other:

- Full time salaried position, with some weekend, evening, and overnight camping work required
- Medical, dental and life insurance provided