



Curatorial Internship

Application deadline: April 1, 2021

Term: Summer 2021

Locations:

- Reagan Ranch and Reagan Ranch Center, Santa Barbara, California
- Reagan Boyhood Home, Dixon, Illinois

Young America's Foundation is seeking a career-minded curatorial intern to work with the Reagan Ranch Curator on projects such as collection management, cataloguing/data entry, exhibit preparation, educational outreach, and historic artifact preservation. This is a unique opportunity to learn about field of historic home preservation and archives management while helping to preserve 40th President of the United States Ronald Reagan's ranch in Santa Barbara, California, and his Boyhood Home in Dixon, Illinois.

Responsibilities

Assist the curator in management and preservation of original historic artifacts from the collections located at either the Reagan Ranch and Reagan Ranch Center Archives or the Boyhood Home. This includes monitoring and recording environmental conditions with the purpose of preserving Reagan history for future generations to enjoy.

Undertake research projects on topics such as the history of President Reagan, his childhood, his ranch days, the American presidency, and current topics for the purpose of educational outreach through gallery displays, tours, and special events.

Host occasional tours of Rancho del Cielo, the Reagan Ranch Center, and/or the Boyhood Home is required.

Assist staff with administrative projects.

Agree to help fulfill the mission of Young America's Foundation (see below).

Qualifications

Applicant must be enrolled in college. Ideally, the candidate is a junior or senior, has focused course curriculum in Museum-related Studies, Library Science, American History

Studies, and/or Education, and has knowledge, or has interned in the field of historic preservation with experience in the proper handling of historic artifacts. Computer proficiency is required. Knowledge of collections management software is helpful. Must be willing to research and work independently, as well as be a team player. Must be flexible and willing to assist with special events throughout the summer. Excellent communications skills required.

Hours and Benefits

Interns are provided with a \$1,200 monthly stipend but must find their own housing and have access to a car.

All Young America's Foundation facilities are smoke-free, drug-free environments. Employees are expected to dress professionally. Dress code is business casual with approved Ranch-related attire.

Mission Statement

Young America's Foundation is a non-profit educational organization committed to sharing the legacy of Ronald Reagan, 40th President of the United States, through the preservation of his Boyhood Home in Dixon, Illinois, and Rancho del Cielo, his "Western White House" in Santa Barbara, California. These properties are preserved in perpetuity as premier presidential home sites and serve to educate future generations of young people about President Reagan and his ideals of individual freedom, limited government, a strong national defense, free enterprise, and traditional values. The Reagan Ranch Center, located in downtown Santa Barbara offers educational galleries for public visitation and contains the Reagan Ranch Center Archives.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please forward resume and cover letter to Madison Habersetzer at madisonh@reaganranch.org.