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## Fort Stanwix Volunteer Opportunity

**Position:** Living History Demonstrator – Civilian Life

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**Dates:** Early April through late November

**Suitable For:** Most adults & college age students, families, teenagers interested in history

**Difficulty Level:** Average to Difficult



### Job Description:

Live the 18<sup>th</sup> Century life while providing interpretive opportunities to those visiting the fort. Provide demonstrations about women's or merchant's life, and others, and answer questions about daily happenings at the fort. Teach people to march or even sew! Have fun while providing service.

### Duties:

- Greet park visitors
- Orient and inform park visitors about Fort Stanwix
- Orient park visitors to events and programs
- Answer visitor questions
- Wear period correct 18<sup>th</sup> Century clothing
- Provide demonstrations for the visiting public about period topics (*such as: women's life, trade during the American Revolution, 18<sup>th</sup> Century Medicine, cleaning, and others!*)
- Volunteers actively and on regular/scheduled basis. *Suggested increments include: 1 day a week or 24 hours a month, 2-4 special event weekends, or combination of the two.*

### Basic Training Required:

- Orientation to Historic Fort Stanwix/Fort Schuyler w/annual refresher
- Providing Good Customer Service
- Informal Interpretation/Foundations of Interpretation
- Living History Volunteer Orientation to Fort Stanwix National Monument
- Orientation to 1770's Clothing and Accoutrements for Men, Women, and Children
- Various Artisan Trainings; i.e. 18<sup>th</sup> Century Sewing and Mending, Medical Practices of the 1770's, 18<sup>th</sup> Century Cleaning Practices, etc.
- *Many others optional!*

### Knowledge/Skills Desired:

- Good communication/interpersonal skills
- Reliability
- Comfortable speaking in front of groups of people or willingness to overcome fears/shyness
- Should enjoy American and/or world history or desire to learn more about it
- Willingness to learn about Fort Stanwix National Monument and other historic locales!
- Willingness to be a team player and work with others

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