

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE STUDEBAKER NATIONAL MUSEUM

The Studebaker National Museum was established to be the center for education, preservation, and interpretation of design and innovation. This is accomplished through programming, active collecting, and the display of vehicles, archives, and artifacts that showcase the local and global influence of Studebaker and related industrial innovators.

In pursuit of this vision, the Museum is one of only three automotive museums to earn accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums. Volunteers are unpaid positions who give of their time and talents to help the Museum strive for these goals.

COLLECTIONS & REGISTRATION

SCOPE OF VOLUNTEER DUTIES

Assist the museum curator with processing new donations and with ongoing care and organization of collection items. This can include cataloguing and photographing artifacts, dusting vehicles, etc.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Candidates must be able to pass a background check
- Be able to project a welcoming, cheerful attitude.

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- Attend two yearly training sessions
- Shadow current curatorial volunteer
- "Deep dive" tour on museum collection and training on common curatorial registration methods, terminology, etc.
- Receive 3-4 training sessions with PastPerfect software (or more as needed)

SKILLS OR CERTIFICATIONS

- Ability to learn new computer programs and artifact handling techniques
- Familiarity with Studebaker history a plus
- Familiarity with South Bend and the region a plus

TIME COMMITMENTS

Docents commit to be available to working a 1-3 hour shift every week or every other week throughout the year. This volunteer opportunity occurs 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday.

LOCATION OF VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

This volunteer opportunity will occur at the Studebaker National Museum at 201 Chapin Street South Bend, IN 46601.