

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.

DOCENTS

SCOPE OF VOLUNTEER DUTIES

Volunteers who have a special interest in the Studebaker Collection may train to become a museum docent, conducting tours of the galleries for scheduled tour groups. Docents are required to complete a training session as well as shadow multiple guided tours. This job requires an ability to speak comfortably in front of large groups.

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 a current tour guide for at least 3 tours. More shadow sessions are permitted if the docent candidate would like additional practice.
- Familiarize oneself with the Museum layout
- Gain an understanding of Studebaker history and be able to answer or find the answer to questions as they arise.

SKILLS OR CERTIFICATIONS

- Comfortable with speaking with large crowds
- Comfortable answering questions and engaging with Museum visitors
- Familiarity with Studebaker history a plus
- Familiarity with South Bend and regional history a plus

TIME COMMITMENTS

Docents commit to be available to give 12 or so tours across any calendar year. This will vary significantly based on demand and other tour guide availability. Tours typically occur during the Museum's open hours: 10am-5pm, Monday-Saturday and Noon-5pm, Sunday.

LOCATION OF VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Unless specifically noted, all volunteer opportunities will occur at the Studebaker National Museum at 201 Chapin Street South Bend, IN 46601.