## MUSEUM DOCENT JOB DESCRIPTION

**Job Title** Museum Docent

**Staff Coordinator** Program Support Assistant

**Objective** To advance the educational mission of the Museum of the Jimmy

Carter Library by conducting tours and providing educational programs for the general public (children, adults, families).

**Job Description** Docents conduct guided tours of the Museum for groups of students

and adults. Utilizing the techniques of dialogue and inquiry, role play

and storytelling, the docent encourages students to explore a Presidential Library. The programs may explore topics such as the

election process, life in the White House and the 20<sup>th</sup> century Presidency. Docents assist in the development of educational programs and conduct special activities for students, adults and

families.

Activities and
Responsibilities
Docents complete an Introductory Training Course, study selected

readings and accompany other docents on guided tours to gain knowledge and skills in leading groups. Docents conduct programs by

greeting the groups and leading the tours and programs. He/she is

involved in the evaluation of the groups and the programs.

Characteristics, Training, and Experiences Docents must be enthusiastic, cheerful and willing to learn. They should have an interest in working with people, especially students, and be willing to become actively involved in the programs of the Museum. Experience or education in history, political science, art, or

teaching can be helpful, although not required.

Supervision, Training, and Benefits The Program Support Assistant trains and supervises. Docents will acquire teaching skills, gain an understanding of the purpose and activities of a Presidential Library and Museum, have access to resource publications, lesson plans, exhibit guides and background materials on the Library, Museum and exhibits. Docents may purchase Museum Gift Store items at a 15% discount. Docents may also gain free admission to the museum for up to 3 adults when

accompanying the adults.