



Hagley MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

Youth Leadership Program

This program provides teens a variety of different ways to engage with Hagley. Teen volunteers help Hagley present public programs and inspire innovation in visitors. Hagley in turn provides teens with the opportunity to engage with the idea of innovation, and inspire them to become innovators in their own lives.

Tier 2
Teen Developers
Develop a Hagley program

Tier 1
Spark!Cart Facilitators
Facilitate Activities with Visitors
Program Planning Team
Design a new activity for an established program

Tier 1 volunteers facilitate activities at the Spark!Cart. They engage visitors with stories of innovation at Hagley. SparkCart volunteers also have the option to serve on a program planning team to design a new activity for an established program at Hagley.

Tier 2 developers create and present new programs that will appeal to a selected audience (ex. Families, scholars, teens)

ACTIVITIES:

Spark!Cart activities focus on the theme of “innovation,” as told through Hagley’s site and collections. Topics include science, technology, engineering, history, and more. Activities will utilize the Spark!Cart, which is a mobile activity cart. There is currently a selection of 7 activities each session, and volunteers may choose their activity for each day.

Teen Developer teams launch new and innovative programs. Previous programs have included Escape the Powder Yards and Hagley’s 5K Run/Walk Along the Brandywine. Committed youth leaders will be part of Hagley’s next new discovery!

SCHEDULE AND COMMITMENT:

This program runs on a session format. There are two 5-month sessions per year, October-February and April-August. Each session starts with all volunteers attending a training meeting. Refer to the application packet for the schedule for the current Youth Leadership Program session.

Spark!Cart Facilitators (Tier 1):

- Volunteer shifts are available mostly on weekends in alignment with other Hagley events such as Science Saturdays or Hayrides.
- Programs are only held when two or more volunteers sign up for the same date.
- Volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of 3 shifts per session.
- Volunteers are asked to attend a minimum of two Build our Skills workshops, held throughout each session.
- Tier 1 volunteers may optionally participate in a Program Planning Team, attending 2-3 planning meetings and designated Hagley event

Teen Developers (Tier 2):

- Teen may apply for Tier 2 after completing two sessions of SparkCart Facilitators (Tier 1).
- Teen Developers (Tier 2) have a set schedule. They will meet on nine Saturdays during each session.
- Teen Developers must commit to leading one public program OR completing one digital media application for a determined audience each session.
- These volunteers are asked to attend a minimum of two Build our Skills workshops, held throughout each session.

Teen Volunteer Benefits	Benefits for Hagley
Give back to the community by inspiring visitors to become innovators	Expand “value-added,” immersive, hands-on programming
Explore the topics of innovation, history, science, and more	Engage more visitors, inspire more innovators
Challenge yourself to grow as a person	Develop additional innovation-themed programming
Develop and practice life skills	Tell more of Hagley’s story to casual visitors
Earn volunteer hours and experience	Develop and highlight less-used spaces and stories
Meet new people and make new friends	Impact the next generation of museum visitor and donor
Gain real-world experiences	Provide additional volunteer opportunities