The Vermont Historical Society’s League of Local Historical Societies & Museums (LLHSM) Mentors Program aims to match local historical societies and museums with a museum/cultural heritage professional to tackle a specific issue at their institution via one-on-one assistance. Participating organizations can be matched with a mentor to help with anything from collections management to exhibits to board planning.

**How it Works**

Local historical societies and museums are encouraged to identify a critical need, problem, or initiative for which they could use professional input and assistance. After completing the application, organizations will be matched by VHS with a Mentor with the appropriate skills and experience. Mentors and organizations will then work together to determine the best way to tackle the problem. This may include a site visit, virtual visits, or correspondence.

**Mentor Details & Requirements**

- The program is open to any historical society or museum in Vermont. A limited number of mentorships are available each year.
- Mentors will be expected to provide 6-8 hours of their time under this agreement. A Mentor may choose to provide further assistance to the organization, but it is not expected or required.
- Whenever possible, an in-person visit is preferred, but mentorships may be completed virtually or via correspondence. Mentors are responsible for coordinating visits and communications directly with the mentee organization once a match is made.
- A $375 fee is paid to the Mentor upon completion of the mentorship.
- Mentorships should be concluded no more than 8 months after approval.
- Mentors will be required to complete a short report outlining their recommendations and discussions. Experiences and products from the mentorships may be shared with the LLHSM community via the VHS website or other media.

**Questions & Applications to:**

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APPLICATION TO BE A MENTOR

This application can also be completed & submitted online via
https://vermonthistory.org/mentors

Date of Submission: _____________________________________

Name: __________________________________________________

Title/Organization: _________________________________________

Mailing Address: ___________________________________________

Email: ____________________________________________________

Phone: _____________________________

General Areas of Expertise:

☐ Collections Management   ☐ Collections Care/Preservation
☐ Exhibits/Public Programs  ☐ Educational Programs (K-12)
☐ Facilities/Historic Preservation  ☐ Administration/Board
☐ Fundraising/Development   ☐ Public Relations/Marketing
☐ Diversity & Inclusion     ☐ Emergency Management

Other:

Brief Description of Your Background and Experience (please attach a resume, CV, or bio as well):

Please Identify Any Limitations to Your Participation as a Mentor (geographic limitations, time of year, types of institutions, etc.)