



The West Virginia Humanities Council seeks to fill a new full-time and permanent position, supported by the Council and with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, titled West Virginia State Folklorist. Applicants ideally will have an advanced degree and experience in folklore, or a related degree in ethnomusicology, American studies or Appalachian studies, with an emphasis in public sector folklore. This person will initially formulate a plan of action to assess the current state of folklore and folklife activity and documentation in the state and consult with and encourage community groups concerning folklife projects. He/she will identify and document folk artists and tradition bearers and locate folklife activity throughout the state in an orderly way. He/she will present those findings through Humanities Council programming, publicity, and on-line publishing. He/she will connect with regional heritage festivals, community folklife projects, and academic programs. This person will be based in Charleston, West Virginia, and must be willing to travel throughout the state and to regional and national meetings. Documentary audio and visual skills are preferred. Applicants should send a resume and letter of application by September 1 to the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; or to sullivan@wvhumanities.org.