

STATE FOLKLORIST JOB POSTING

The West Virginia Humanities Council, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, announces an immediate opening for the State Folklorist position.

The West Virginia Folklife Program is committed to the documentation, preservation, presentation, and support of West Virginia's vibrant living cultural traditions. The State Folklorist designs and administers that program through the development and management of direct and collaborative public programs, publications, and other media.

Primary qualifications include an advanced degree in folklore, or related degree such as ethnomusicology, cultural anthropology, American studies or Appalachian studies, with particular experience in public sector folklore; experience in project planning and management; demonstrated documentary audio and visual skills; and exceptional writing, collaborative, and interpersonal skills.

Preferred qualifications include demonstrated familiarity with West Virginia and/or Central Appalachian cultures and history; grant writing experience (ideally in the field of folk and traditional arts); and direct and recent experience working with folk arts practitioners and cultural communities. Some travel, including overnights, is required.

The State Folklorist regularly applies for and reports on grants in support of the Folklife Program, coordinating directly with the NEA, the WV Department of Arts, Culture and History, and other institutional and program partners as needed. The State Folklorist also prepares all Folklife Program reports for delivery to relevant partners, federal and state agencies, and the Council Board and its committees.

The West Virginia Humanities Council, an independent nonpartisan nonprofit corporation, is an equal opportunity employer, committed to building and maintaining a strong, collaborative, and mutually supportive team comprising a variety of backgrounds, perspectives, and skill sets. The Council offers a competitive salary commensurate with experience, and good benefits.

Applications will be reviewed until position is filled. Applicants invited to interview will be asked to submit a writing sample.

Send cover letter and curriculum vitae listing 3-5 references (as attachments) to waggoner@wvhumanities.org, or c/o Dr. Eric Waggoner, Executive Director, WV Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd E., Charleston WV 25301.