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The Matilda Joslyn Gage FoundationSM

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Internship Application

ABOUT THE MATILDA JOSLYN GAGE FOUNDATION:

The Gage Foundation is a historic house museum and center for social justice dialogue. We are dedicated to educating current and future generations about Gage's work and its power to drive contemporary social change. Gage interns will participate in a wide variety of administrative, development, and creative tasks.

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

College: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Major/Area of Study: _____ Available Start Date: _____

Please provide the following information with your completed application:

- Resume
- Cover Letter
- College Transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation

Send application to:

Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation
c/o Sally Roesch Wagner
210 East Genesee Street
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If you have any questions regarding the application process, email foundation@matildajoslyngage.org or call 315-637-9511



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About Matilda Joslyn Gage (1826-1898):

Matilda Joslyn Gage was a 19th century suffragist, historian of women, newspaper editor, author and lecturer, woman's rights activist and theorist, advocate for civil rights, and abolitionist, who served as a top officer in the National Woman Suffrage Association (NWSA) for twenty years. A committed abolitionist who opened her home as a stop on the Underground Railroad, she challenged the laws of her nation, risking arrest and imprisonment by helping enslaved people escape to freedom. Gage wrote about the superior position of Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) women and supported treaty rights and Native sovereignty. Influenced by the Haudenosaunee egalitarian culture, she in turn influenced the utopian feminist vision of her son-in-law, L. Frank Baum, in his fourteen *Oz* books.

Along with Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, Gage was one of the "triumvirate" leaders of the NWSA, running the day-to-day operations as Chair of the Executive Committee and authoring the organization's major documents with Stanton. Together they wrote the 1876 Declaration of Rights of Women and, risking arrest, Gage and Anthony presented it at the nation's Centennial celebration, directing their action "to the daughters of 1976." Gage played an integral part in preserving the incredible record of the suffrage movement by co-editing the first three volumes of the *History of Woman Suffrage* with Stanton and Anthony.

When the radical suffrage forces joined with the conservatives in 1890, Gage left the organized movement and dedicated her last eight years to exposing the patriarchal nature of the Church. As founder and president of the Women's National Liberal Union, Gage fought religious fundamentalists' attempt to create a theocracy and helped preserve religious freedom. A remarkable scholar, Gage promoted intellectual freedom, believing that the most important lesson she ever learned was to think for herself, a lesson she passed on to girls and women throughout her life.

A prolific writer, Gage's long and brave career culminated in her 1893 volume *Woman, Church and State* in which she documented the misogyny committed in the name of the Christian religion, from trafficking in women to sexual abuse by the clergy. With her clear and unapologetic writing style, and her wealth of knowledge, she backed up her theories with facts drawn from over 2000 years of human history. Her motto, penciled into numerous autograph books and carved on her tombstone, embodies her political stance: *There is a word sweeter than mother, home, or heaven. That word is liberty.*

To learn about the founding, history, and actions of the Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation, please visit www.matildajoslyngage.org.



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Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation Administrative Internship Job Description

General Description:

The administrative intern will report to the Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation Board (“Board”), with responsibilities as outlined below.

Duties and Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Initiating, planning and executing fundraising campaigns and events with support from the Board and volunteers
- Opening and filing foundation correspondence, including bills, volunteer applications, and memberships.
- Marketing activities as directed by the Board
- Maintaining the Foundation’s database of contacts and donors
- Keeping the museum and gift shop open on days of the week to be determined by the Board
- Scheduling guided and group tours
- Managing e-mail, and the Foundation’s web and social media presence
- Ordering supplies for the Center
- Overseeing maintenance of the Center’s physical infrastructure
- Scheduling sprinkler inspections and other activities required to maintain compliance with Fire Code, zoning requirements, and other agency requirements
- Attendance at Board meetings as requested
- Tracking time and activities on forms provided by the Board
- A variety of other tasks typical for a nonprofit organization

The position is about 20 hours a week with the normal flexibility expected of all nonprofit staff, volunteers and boards, which includes attending events that promote the organization.

Skills Required:

- Proficiency with various types of social media, including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, and blogging
- General administrative skills