



Job Title: World War II Internship  
Summer 2026

**POSITION SUMMARY:** Yakima Valley Museum is seeking a motivated and detail-oriented student who will work closely with the museum's Collections & Exhibitions team to assist with research focused on World War II veterans for the upcoming World War II Exhibition opening November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026. This is a paid, part-time internship over ten weeks during summer 2026.

This internship will primarily be supporting the development of an interactive and permanent archive that includes the history of World War II veterans in the Yakima Valley.

**PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

**Database Research:**

- Conduct additional research on World War II veterans from the Yakima Valley to supplement already established foundational research.
- Work with primary sources such as letters, diaries, photographs, artifacts and oral histories.
- Perform fact-checking and ensure historical accuracy in database content.
- Work with staff and contractors on the development of an interactive database.

**Exhibit Development:**

- Support Collections & Exhibitions team on research to contribute to the temporary World War II exhibit opening November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Other Duties:**

- Support museum educational and public programming when appropriate.

**OUTCOMES:**

- Gain practical hands-on experience in museum research and archival practices.
- Develop skills in exhibit development.

#### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Strong research, writing, and critical thinking skills.
- Demonstrated interest in World War II history.
- Attention to detail and organizational skills.
- Familiarity with basic computer tools.
- Ability to work as part of a team and collaborate with colleagues and stakeholders to reach common goals.
- Familiarity with museums, cultural institutions, and/or non-profits.
- Familiarity with the Yakima Valley a plus.
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail
- Ability to work efficiently and courteously with diverse audiences including members of the public, staff, volunteers, and other stakeholders.
- Ability to prioritize tasks to meet scheduled deadlines.
- This position requires frequently standing and lifting 25 pounds or more.

#### INTERNSHIP COMPENSATION:

This internship is part-time, 20 hours a week, for ten weeks and open to an undergraduate or graduate student. Compensation will be \$17.50/hour. This position is Monday-Friday. Start date can be based on the student's availability.

We encourage applications from candidates of all backgrounds. Diverse perspectives and experiences enhance the richness of our work and reflect our community. We expect that not all candidates will meet every criterion in this job description, and some candidates may decide not to apply if they do not meet every line in the description. We encourage you to apply anyway!

Yakima Valley Museum is an equal opportunity employer.

Please submit a resume and letter of interest by May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2026. Please submit to Liz Hobson, Executive Director at [liz@yvmuseum.org](mailto:liz@yvmuseum.org)