**THE HISTORYMAKERS®**

DIGITAL ARCHIVE STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

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Want to...

- Help increase awareness of The HistoryMakers, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and the nation’s largest African American video oral history archive (www.thehistorymakers.org), across your college or university?
- Effectively take others inside the lives of black people, further cultural understanding on your campus, and spread the word about a unique digital archive housed permanently at the Library of Congress?

The HistoryMakers is committed to preserving, developing, and providing easy access to its internationally-recognized archival collection of thousands of African American video oral histories from a broad range of backgrounds and experiences. It is looking for a passionate and highly motivated student ambassador at each of our subscribing institutions to help do so. (For a complete list of subscribing institutions, see “Current Members” on this page: https://www.thehistorymakers.org/institutional-maker.)

This paid position provides a unique opportunity to:

- Learn valuable research, writing, presentation, and communications skills;
- Engage with an innovative non-profit;
- Promote the effective use of a one-of-a-kind digital archive for use in and outside of the classroom (in-person, hybrid, or virtual); and
- Receive on-the-job training that will make you more attractive to employers.

For you to become one of our student ambassadors:

1. You must be a current sophomore, junior, senior, or graduate student and able to commit to 10 hours per week from June 2024 through April 2025 (no meetings in July 2024 and during holidays). Five of those hours will be in-depth exploration of The HistoryMakers Digital Archive.
2. You will be expected to document your hours, submit weekly progress reports, and participate in weekly conference calls.
3. Your college or university must subscribe to The HistoryMakers Digital Archive. For a complete list of subscribing institutions, see “Current Members” here: https://www.thehistorymakers.org/institutional-maker.
4. You must commit to participating in weekly Zoom calls during the school year.
5. You must write a bi-monthly blog post based on research using The HistoryMakers Digital Archive;
6. You must develop in-person and video/Zoom presentations and programs to show faculty, students, and others how to use The HistoryMakers Digital Archive;
7. You must adhere to the Student Ambassador code of ethics.

For more information, please visit https://www.thehistorymakers.org/higher-education.

For inquiries, please contact Chris Cortese at cc@thehistorymakers.org or (312) 674-1900 x516.
Preferred Skills

Strong applicants must possess:
- A love of writing and of history;
- Strong research, writing, presentation, and communications skills;
- Tech-savviness and strong administrative and organizational skills;
- The ability to work independently and be self-motivated;
- A high degree of professionalism and a sense of ethics;
- Leadership skills and a passion for building and growing relationships.

Supervisor

Every applicant must identify a faculty or staff member (e.g., professor, librarian, cultural center employee) on their campus who has agreed to supervise their work for the duration of the program and include their contact information.

Compensation

You will be paid $15 per hour of documented work.

Experience

Every student ambassador will gain:
- Familiarity with e-resources and expertise with The HistoryMakers Digital Archive;
- Exposure to African American subject matter and leadership;
- Increased research, writing, administrative, public speaking, and presentation skills;
- Opportunities to interact professionally with students and faculty.

Application Instructions

Please complete the application form here: [https://forms.gle/vnpesWM4ppmAYmG7](https://forms.gle/vnpesWM4ppmAYmG7)

You will be prompted to:
- Upload your resume/CV with a copy of your unofficial transcript(s).
- Include a 500-word, single-spaced essay on why you should be chosen to serve as The HistoryMakers Student Ambassador for your college or university and how you can meet and/or exceed the requirements stated. Please be specific.
- Include a 500-word essay that describes how you found yourself in the Digital Archive as well as your process (please see more information here).
- List the contact information (name, title, department/affiliation, email address, and phone number) of the faculty or staff member who has agreed to supervise your work for the duration of the program.
- Complete a typing speed test and a Microsoft Excel test.
I presented for Dr. Patterson’s History of Africa to 1865 class. I relayed [The HistoryMakers] Digital Archive’s rich source for supporting evidence for their assignments. Through the Digital Archive, many of Dr. Patterson’s students [could] better inform themselves and their academic work.”

Saleana K. Copeland, Junior, History | Clark Atlanta University 2021-2022 Student Ambassador

The HistoryMakers Digital Archive

In 2020, COVID-19 and the resultant challenges to society and higher education created significant demands and needs for innovation, increasing use of online learning and asynchronous instruction. The HistoryMakers Digital Archive provides real-life narratives that establish a roadmap for navigating and making sense of many of the most contentious issues of today. It also provides students rich primary source content for classroom learning in the form of a unique electronic resource.

The HistoryMakers Digital Archive makes accessible the first-person video oral history testimonies of The HistoryMakers, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization headquartered in Chicago, Illinois. With more than 11,000 hours of searchable content, The HistoryMakers Digital Archive’s highlighted transcripts and curated story segments make searching the collection both efficient and effective. Over 3,300 interviews of African American leaders from across a variety of disciplines—including the arts, business, civic engagement, education, entertainment, law, media, medicine, STEM, the military, music, politics, religion, sports, and fashion & beauty—are featured in The HistoryMakers Collection. Interviews last two to fifteen hours in length and have been conducted in 413 U.S. cities and towns—as well as in international locations like Mexico, the Caribbean, and Norway. With recollections dating back to the 1700s, the archive contains thousands of subjects including business, technology, the Great Migration, foodways, poetry, The Black Arts Movement, funeral rites, public health, modern music, LGBTQ, science, theology, integration, shifts in beauty culture, black feminism, and more. The HistoryMakers archives also contain the stories of Alonzo Pettie, the oldest living black cowboy, and statesman General Colin Powell; as well as poets Nikki Giovanni and Sonia Sanchez. Also included are 211 of the nation’s top scientists, including Katherine Johnson, who was featured in the Hollywood movie Hidden Figures; civic leaders C.T. Vivian and Marion Wright Edelman; music icons Berry Gordy and Quincy Jones; business leaders former Amex CEO Ken Chenault, Merck CEO Ken Frazier, and former Xerox CEO Ursula Burns; lawyers former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder and NAACP Legal Defense Fund president Sherrilyn Ifill, political leaders Congresswoman Maxine Waters and former President Barack Obama (when he was an Illinois State Senator); as well as New York Times columnist Charles Blow, innovative artist Theaster Gates, museum director Thelma Golden, restaurateur Marcus Samuelsson, and entrepreneur Daymond John.

In 2014, the Library of Congress became The HistoryMakers’ permanent repository. It heralded The HistoryMakers as a “one of a kind, unparalleled resource that is vitally important to the nation and the world and to those seeking a more complete record of our nation’s history and its people.”
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<td><strong>April &amp; May 2024</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Friday, April 19, 2024:</strong>&lt;br&gt;⇒ The HistoryMakers 2024-2025 Student Ambassador applications due&lt;br&gt;<strong>Week of May 6, 2024:</strong>&lt;br&gt;⇒ Zoom interviews&lt;br&gt;<strong>Friday, May 17, 2024:</strong>&lt;br&gt;⇒ The HistoryMakers 2024-2025 Student Ambassador applicants informed of decision&lt;br&gt;<strong>Friday, May 24, 2024:</strong>&lt;br&gt;⇒ The HistoryMakers 2024-2025 Student Ambassadors publicly announced</td>
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THE HISTORIEMAKERS SUBSCRIBING INSTITUTIONS

New York
Lehman College - CUNY
New York University
Pratt Institute
Skidmore College
Stony Brook University—SUNY
University of Rochester
Vassar College
Wagner College

North Carolina
Duke University
East Carolina University
Johnson C. Smith University
North Carolina A&T University
Wake Forest University

Ohio
College of Wooster
Denison University
The Ohio State University

Oregon
University of Oregon

Pennsylvania
Bryn Mawr College
Carnegie Mellon University
Franklin & Marshall College
Lincoln University
University of Pennsylvania

Rhode Island
Brown University

South Carolina
College of Charleston
South Carolina State University
Voorhees University

Tennessee
Fisk University
Tennessee State University
Vanderbilt University

Texas
Prairie View A&M University
Rice University
Southern Methodist University
Texas Southern University
University of North Texas
University of Texas at Austin
Wiley College

Virginia
Blue Ridge Community College
Central Virginia Community College
Christopher Newport University
Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
Danville Community College
Eastern Shore Community College
George Mason University
Germanna Community College
Hampton University
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
James Madison University
John Tyler Community College
Longwood University
Laurel Ridge Community College
Mountain Empire Community College
New River Community College
Norfolk State University
Northern Virginia Community College
Old Dominion University
Patrick Henry Community College
Paul D. Camp Community College
Piedmont Virginia Community College
Radford University
Rappahannock Community College
Richard Bland College
Southside Virginia Community College
Southwest Virginia Community College
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Highlands Community College
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia State University
Virginia Tech
Virginia Western Community College
College of William & Mary
Washington and Lee University

Washington, D.C.
American University
Georgetown University
Howard University

Wisconsin
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee