

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Job Title: Fundraising Events Manager

Department: Philanthropy

Reports to: Individual Gifts & Stewardship Manager

History saved and preserved is the foundation for strong, vibrant communities and future generations. The Detroit Historical Society's mission is to tell Detroit's stories and why they matter. Founded in 1921, the Society has been bringing together diverse voices and communities around the stories of the region to find their place in the present and inspire the future for almost 100 years. Located in Detroit's cultural district, The Society administers and develops exhibitions and programming for the Detroit Historical Museum, and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. The team cares for more than 250,000 artifacts in its collection, relying upon a staff of over 50 individuals to help bring Detroit's stories to life.

Position Description:

Detroit Historical Society events, from exhibition openings to black-tie fundraisers, are executed with a clear sense of purpose and precision for what they communicate about DHS's place in Detroit's cultural landscape. As a place-based institution, events at the Detroit Historical Society are a significant focus for the organization and the Fundraising Events Manager is an integral part of the overall success of the organization. The Fundraising Events Manager is responsible for developing and supporting an active fundraising and stewardship events calendar with a dual emphasis of maximizing revenue and increasing stewardship engagement. The primary role of this position is to lead the execution of the Detroit Historical Society's annual events with special focus on its major fundraisers: the Society Ball and the Dossin Gala. Additional events may include Century Club stewardship events, and the annual DHS Golf Outing.

The Fundraising Events Manager is a full-time position reporting to the Individual Gifts & Stewardship Manager. The standard work week is Monday-Friday, 9am – 5pm with Work Flex and remote work as options, but evening and weekend work related to events and programs will be required.

Major Responsibilities:

- Work closely with the Philanthropy Team to plan, organize and execute all DHS fundraising and stewardship events.
- Collaborate with other departments to implement comprehensive plans, and timelines, including budget monitoring and post event reporting.
- Provides support for event committees as the staff liaison.

- Support the Philanthropy Team as they develop long-range strategic plans for Fundraising Events.

Qualifications:

- A bachelor's degree is preferred; comparable experience may be considered
- 1-2 years of marketing/sales and event planning experience
- Knowledge of event operations and the catering and event industry in the Metro Detroit area
- Excellent organizational, communication, listening, and follow up skills
- High sense of responsibility and accountability
- Problem solver. Ability to anticipate potential issues and be proactive in finding solutions
- Excellent people skills and team player
- Sound judgment and the ability to make informed decisions
- Able to provide an excellent customer service experience for guests
- Strong project management and time management skills
- Experience working with fundraising and event planning committees

Compensation & Benefits

- DHS offers a comprehensive benefit plan that includes short/long term disability, medical and dental coverage (with premium sharing) and other benefits
- Paid Time Off policy of 20 days per fiscal year
- Annual salary for this position is \$38,000 - \$45,000, depending on qualifications and experience.
- Paid holidays

Interested candidates should forward a cover letter and current resume to:

humanresource@detroithistorical.org

No phone calls, please.

Candidate Requirements

- Willing to undergo a criminal background check
- Valid driver's license
- Ability to lift 25 lbs.
- Comfortable using a ladder or step ladder
- Reliable transportation and ability to travel to work at either museum

About DHS:

Stop working and start innovating! This is your opportunity to join a national leader in museum services. The Detroit Historical Society has a 100-year legacy of telling Detroit's stories and why they matter. DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and we encourage a diverse pool of candidates to apply.