

## Teacher Ambassador Program

The Lake County Forest Preserves and Dunn Museum Teacher Ambassador Program provides a unique opportunity for Lake County K-12 educators to connect with history and environmental education-based resources and staff. It will allow teachers to increase their professional development skills, inquiry-based teaching skills, and connections to local resources and content. In return, Teacher Ambassadors will serve as an intermediary between their school and the Forest Preserves and Dunn Museum, helping to disseminate information about educational opportunities and provide feedback for how the Forest Preserves and Dunn Museum can best meet the needs of teachers and students.

### Through the Teacher Ambassador Program, educators will:

- Help to pilot and shape a new virtual program.
- Become ambassadors for the Lake County Forest Preserves and Dunn Museum back at their school, helping to build and strengthen connections and foster larger educational opportunities.
- Become a voice for the needs of students and teachers of Lake County to the Lake County Forest Preserves and Dunn Museum in order to continue to create new, and improve existing, learning opportunities.
- Connect with their peers and create a learning community that can be utilized outside of the program itself, for continued professional development and support.
- Further develop skills in object-based and inquiry-based teaching and learning.
- Utilize Museum resources and collections and learn how to incorporate them in the classroom.
- Learn more about existing educational opportunities for teachers and students offered by the Lake County Forest Preserves and Dunn Museum.
- Participate in a minimum of **3 of 5 sessions** on a variety of topics incorporating local history and fostering connections between the Museum and the classroom, including a **mandatory orientation** training session at the annual Dunn Museum Teacher Open House.
- Create a culminating project.

**To apply:** Applications should be submitted either by email to [nstocker@LCFPD.org](mailto:nstocker@LCFPD.org) or in person at the Lake County Forest Preserves General Offices at 1899 West Winchester Road in Libertyville by **November 20, 2020**.

### 2020-2021 Teacher Ambassador Program Dates

(Currently all held virtually on Zoom)

<b>Program Orientation and Annual Teacher Open House</b>	<b>October 22, 2020 (Attendance Required)</b>
<b>Series 1: Hands-on History</b>	<b>December 10, 2020</b>
<b>Series 2: Object-based Learning</b>	<b>January 28, 2021</b>
<b>Series 3: Biographies</b>	<b>March 11, 2021</b>
<b>Year-end Celebration</b>	<b>May 20, 2021</b>

## Teacher Ambassador Program Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Years Teaching: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level(s): \_\_\_\_\_

What is the primary language(s) spoken in your classroom? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this program? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you booked/attended programs with the Forest Preserves and Museum previously?    Yes    No

What does classroom education mean to you in today's world?

What challenges do you face as an educator that the Forest Preserves and Dunn Museum could assist with?

What do you hope to learn through participation in the Teacher Ambassador program?