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REDDICK MANSION LOOKING FOR HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

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The Reddick Mansion is looking for teen volunteers between the ages of 13-18 who can commit to being at the Mansion scheduled times throughout the summer (and possibly into the school year). Various duties will include greeting visitors, giving tours, assisting in the gift shop, and working in the gardens. The Reddick Mansion is open 6 days a week (closed on Tuesdays) from 11am-3pm. Typical shifts would be 3-4 hours and could be shared.

Tour guides talk about the Reddick family, the history of the Mansion, and its place in local and national history while taking visitors through the Mansion. In Elizabeth's Corner Shoppe, the gift shop in the Mansion, high school volunteers will chat with shoppers as they browse, write up sales, and help with the merchandising of the shop. They may also help people better understand the time period by assisting children as they dress in the Mansion's collection of mid-19th century clothing including full-length prairie dresses, bonnets, and parasols for the girls and top hats, coon-skin caps and brocade vests for the boys. Work in the gardens will include planting flowers, pulling weeds, spreading mulch, and watering plants.

Training sessions and information packets are provided for docents. Hedy Bernholdt, retail manager, handles training for the Gift Shop, and Twila Yednock oversees the gardens at the Mansion. Please call (815-433-6100) or e-mail the Mansion (contact@reddickmansion.org) and be a part of keeping history alive in Ottawa!