

FRIENDS OF
SEGUIN ISLAND LIGHT STATION

Keeper/Caretakers Application

Mission: to distinguish Seguin Island Light as part of Maine's heritage, fostering connections with our area's history for generations to come!

The Friends of Seguin Island Light Station offers a volunteer opportunity for two mentally and physically capable, compatible people to live on Seguin Island from Memorial Day to Labor Day, and to act as full-time volunteer caretakers.

Seguin Island is located 2.5 miles off the coast of Maine at the mouth of the Kennebec River. The 64-acre island is 2/3 mile long and 1/4 mile wide. Access is by boat only. The Cove, located on the north side of the island, has a beach that is exposed at half tide for landing a dinghy or boat; there is no dock. The bottom of the island houses The Boathouse, The Donkey Engine House, and the public outhouse. There is a diesel powered, wooden tramway, as well as a 300-yard trail that leads from the beach to the top of the island, which is approximately 150 feet above sea level.

At the top are world class vistas, bar none, plus the Lighthouse and attached duplex housing the Keeper's Quarters and Museum, which also contains Guest Quarters for donating guests. The Whistle House housing the foghorn is 200 yards to the south of the Main building. During storms, access to the island can be severely limited, if not impossible. Prospective caretakers should be aware that during foggy weather, the fog signal blows continuously (twice every 30 seconds) and can be heard for over 4 miles.

Intrigued?

If so, please provide the various information on subjects we deem necessary for capable caretakers. We are an equal opportunity employer, dedicated to a policy of nondiscrimination in employment on any basis including race, creed, color, age, sex, religion, or national origin. This is a 100% volunteer opportunity with no monetary compensation. All applicants must re-apply each year for consideration.

(A) Character Sketch Material

1. Why do you want to be Seguin Island Caretakers?
2. What do you think you will enjoy the most on Seguin? What do you think will be your biggest challenges?
3. What experiences have you had that you feel have been like living on Seguin?
4. This is a physically demanding position. Please describe each applicant's health and general level of activity.
5. Will you bring a pet with you? Please describe.

(B) Specific Qualities

You will be responsible for the smooth running of the island for the summer, from giving tours and running the museum/gift shop, to keeping the lawns and trails, fixing equipment and hosting B&B guests up to 10 times per summer. Please list experiences/work references that illustrate each applicant's competence in these areas:

- Leading historical tours
- Lawn mowing/**lawn mower repair
- Carpentry
- Mechanical/Electrical
- Retail (gift shop on island)
- Hosting guests
- Seamanship
- House painting
- First aid
- Resourcefulness
- Initiative-taker qualities

Please include resumes, photos and other documentation you wish to have considered with your application. Please include two professional references for each applicant. Also please answer each question to the best of your ability.

(C) Heads up - some challenges to embrace on Seguin Island

Seguin Island life is on a semi-remote island accessible only by sea or air that includes a historical lighthouse, foghorn, and rustic buildings. Along with all the obvious positives, Caretakers must deal with continual lawn and trail maintenance, many visitors, composting toilets, foghorn, isolation, carrying food and potable water in, weather dependent day ashore schedule, and no internet access provided by FOSILS.

- (D)** Have you read logs from at least three previous summers? (You must answer yes to this question.)

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<http://seguin2011.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.seguin-lighthouse-keeper.com/>

<http://seguinlighthouse2014.blogspot.com>

Thank you for taking the time to apply to be caretakers on Seguin Island. In addition to submitting this application, successful candidates will have an in-person interview with the Seguin Island On-Island Committee.

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