

# WHITNEY PLANTATION



**Job Title:** Facilities & Grounds Technician

**Department:** Facilities & Preservation

**Status:** Full time

**Reports To:** Director of Historic Preservation  
& Facilities

**FLSA:** Non- Exempt

**Date:** 4/30/25

**Direct Reports:** 0

**Indirect Reports:** 0

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## About Whitney Plantation

The Whitney Institute (Whitney Plantation) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 with a mission to educate the public about the history and legacies of slavery in the United States. Located on the site of a former sugar, rice and indigo plantation in St. John the Baptist Parish, Whitney Plantation maintains 20 original and relocated historical buildings within the Whitney Plantation Historic District. Through memorials, artwork, exhibits, tours and special programming, Whitney Plantation helps the public understand the present day by educating them about the past.

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## About the Role

The Facilities and Grounds Technician is a key member of the Facilities department, reporting to the Director of Historic Preservation & Facilities. The FGT helps to maintain the landscaping of the Whitney Plantation campus, encompassing over 50 acres of gardens, historic structures and fields. The FGT works with the DHPF to respond to work orders and address facilities needs that arise. Duties may include but are not limited to landscaping, light carpentry, painting, trash collection and cleaning.

## Essential Functions:

### Grounds Maintenance

- Collect trash from outdoor trash cans daily
- Rake leaves, clear pathways of debris, and otherwise ensure grounds are clean and safe for visitors
- Prune trees and plants as needed
- Maintain gravel and brick pathways
- Pressure wash buildings and walkways as needed
- Remove and install landscape plants as needed including sugarcane, bananas, jasmine, and trees

### **Facilities Maintenance**

- Respond to work orders and recommend solutions to DHPF; make simple repairs
- Clean windows and outdoor signage
- Check & restock bathrooms; report & respond to basic plumbing problems
- Paint fences and buildings
- Perform light carpentry such as fence, porch or railing repairs
- Assist DHPF with restoration and repair of historic properties
- Help prepare the facility for special events including set up and break down

### **Emergency Preparedness and Maintenance:**

- Assist with preparation before freezes or hurricanes
- Assist with post-storm clean up including making light repairs and clearing debris

### **Requirements and Skills**

- High School Diploma
- Minimum 2 years of experience in a related role
- Ability to complete tasks and work independently
- Demonstrated ability of excelling in a team environment
- Ability to work a flexible schedule, including evenings, weekends, holidays, and in critical situations as required, as well as the character to be punctual and reliable.
- Ability to communicate with a diverse staff and public in a manner that is respectful and kind, with an emphasis on a desire to assist from an informed perspective.

### **Salary and Benefits**

- \$23 per hour / 32-40 hours per week
- Health, dental, and vision insurance
- 401k with employer match.
- Employee Assistance Program.
- Generous paid time off benefits to include paid holidays, sick and vacation time.

**EOE**

Whitney Plantation is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, creed, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation or any other condition made lawful by federal and state laws.