



## Docents Needed for School Day Tours (Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>)

### → 45 min training offered daily (Monday-Friday from 11 AM to 12 Noon):

W. Marvin Dulaney, Ph.D., University of Texas—Arlington (UTA), Associate Professor Emeritus along with LaTrese Adkins Weathersby, Ph.D., Adjunct History Instructor, El Centro College West Campus will provide a forty-five minute mandatory orientation to the African American Museum's (AAM) volunteer policies AND the historical background of the exhibit, i.e. the Jeffersonian Era and experiences of ante-bellum chattel slavery.

Upon completion of the orientation and training (a total of 45 min combined), all newly trained docents can sign up for as many hours as they would like to conduct school day tours. Either Dr. Dulaney or Dr. Weathersby will facilitate the mandatory orientation/training DAILY, Monday through Friday from October 22, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

### → 1 hour commitment minimum (School Day tour hours are 10 AM to 4 PM):

This field learning and historical immersion is being made available to public, private and charter school students through a collaboration of partners that include: The City of Dallas; Dallas ISD's Office of Racial Equity, Social Studies Division, and Chief of School Leadership; and, the Dallas Board of Education. Volunteers who enjoy providing educational and mentoring experiences for young learners are encouraged to complete the docent training/orientation and then make a commitment to guide at least (1) one-hour tour. Contact information is provided below, if this volunteer opportunity is something you want to explore.

### → What is a docent anyway? (a volunteer guide/tour leader for museum exhibits):

An ideal volunteer for guiding the school day tours of "Slavery at Jefferson's Monticello" is an individual who:

- ✚ Enjoys assisting learners in their acquisition of knowledge within but also beyond traditional classroom settings, e.g. veteran/retired educators; substitute teachers; pastors/ministers; fraternity and sorority members; graduates of HBCUs; attorneys; artists; nonprofit and civic organizations such as The Links™;
- ✚ Has the flexibility and availability to volunteer during school day hours;
- ✚ Wants to make "history come alive" in meaningful ways for learners of ALL ages;
- ✚ Has just been looking for their chance to become a part of public educational programming that enhances everyone's capacity to live more fully aware of the greatness of our collective past; and,
- ✚ Can't wait to check out what else the African American Museum has to offer!!!

