



2026 Summer Research Internship

Application Deadline: May 15, 2026, at 11:59 PM CST

About the Lake Jackson Historical Association

The Lake Jackson Historical Association (LJHA) is a non-profit organization operating three unique historical sites: the Lake Jackson Historical Museum, the Jackson Plantation Historic Site (also an archaeological site), and the Alden B. Dow Office Museum. Our mission is to provide education relative to the history and culture of Lake Jackson, TX.

About the Internship

In an effort to promote the educational value of our collection and cultivate local historical interest among students, the Lake Jackson Historical Association will offer two 8-week research internships to high school and college students from Harris and Brazoria Counties in summer 2026. The purpose of this internship program is to support new research and perspectives on our history in order to expand and diversify our knowledge of Lake Jackson's rich and complex past.

We will select one student intern for each position who will be expected to conduct historical research on a topic of their choice using our archives and collections. Each intern's chosen topic must center Lake Jackson history and align with the LJHA mission.

- The summer internship will begin the week of June 1, 2026, and end the week of July 20, 2026.
- Interns' schedules may be flexible; however, they will be expected to work on their project at least 10 hours per week, and provide documentation of the hours they worked.
- Interns may work remotely but will need to visit the Lake Jackson Historical Museum or other archival repositories when non-digitized items are needed for research.
- Excursions to nearby archives, museums, or local historic sites necessary for the interns' project will count towards these hours.
- Interns will be expected to meet with the Youth Education Manager once a week to provide project updates. LJHA staff will do our best to accommodate interns' schedules.

Interns will be paid a \$500 stipend, which will be distributed evenly at the midpoint and the conclusion of the 8-week internship. This stipend is intended not only to compensate the interns for their time and effort, but should also be used to pay for materials and travel expenses that interns may need to complete their project. At the conclusion of the program, interns will be required to present their findings in a public presentation or display.

How to Apply

To apply, write a 400-500 word project proposal that clearly indicates the following:

- What topic of Lake Jackson history would you like to study? Topics that LJHA is currently interested in are listed below; however, we welcome applicants to propose original topics that may not be included in this list.
- How do you envision the final product of your research? Examples include a final paper, posters, slideshow presentation, performance, video(s), or website.
- Include your skills and/or accomplishments and how you could apply them to this internship. Historical research experience is not necessary to apply.
- Include the name of your school and grade-level in which you are currently enrolled.

Applicants must submit one letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach, organization leader, or employer who can attest to their strengths and dependability.

Email your proposal and letter of recommendation to Jordan Weaver, Youth Education Manager, at jordan@ljhistory.org **by May 15, 2026, at 11:59 PM.**

Potential Research Topics

We encourage you to explore our online collection to develop your own research ideas:

<https://www.ljhistory.org/explore-the-collection>

- Karankawa history and culture
- Convict leasing at Lake Jackson Plantation
- Interpretations of archaeological artifacts excavated from the Jackson Plantation Historic Site
- Communities in the Lake Jackson area prior to Dow Chemical's arrival
- Impact of Dow's magnesium production on World War II
- Local businesses & civic/social groups
- Women's history
- Racial segregation & integration
- Institutional history of LJHA