



HUGH MERCER APOTHECARY SHOP
MARY WASHINGTON HOUSE
MARY WASHINGTON MONUMENT
RISING SUN TAVERN
ST. JAMES' HOUSE

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Washington Heritage Museums Announces Access Program for Low-Income Families

Museums for All to increase accessibility of Fredericksburg's historic sites

Fredericksburg, VA – Today, **Washington Heritage Museums** announced that it has joined *Museums for All*, a signature access program of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), administered by the Association of Children's Museums (ACM), to encourage people of all backgrounds to visit museums regularly and build lifelong museum-going habits. The program supports those receiving food assistance (SNAP) benefits visiting the Mary Washington House, the Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop, and the Rising Sun Tavern by receiving **free admission**, for up to four household members, with the presentation of a SNAP Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card. Similar free and reduced admission is available to eligible members of the public at more than 850 museums across the country. *Museums for All* is part of Washington Heritage Museums' broad commitment to seek, include, and welcome all audiences.

Museums for All helps expand access to museums and raise public awareness about how museums in the U.S. are reaching their entire communities. More than 850 institutions participate in the initiative, including art museums, children’s museums, science centers, botanical gardens, zoos, history museums, and more. Participating museums are located nationwide, representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

About Washington Heritage Museums (WHM)

Washington Heritage Museums was established in 2012 to assume ownership of four of Fredericksburg, Virginia’s historic sites including the Mary Washington House, Rising Sun Tavern, Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop, and St. James’ House. In early 2023, it added the Mary Washington Monument site to its portfolio of historic assets. A recognized leader in historic preservation, WHM received the site by deed of gift from the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia in order to elevate the site’s preservation and interpretation. To learn more about Washington Heritage Museums, visit <https://www.washingtonheritagemuseums.org/> and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

About the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. Our mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Our grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. To learn more, visit <http://www.ims.gov> and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

About Association of Children’s Museums (ACM)

The Association of Children's Museums (ACM) champions children's museums worldwide. With more than 460 members in 50 states and 16 countries, ACM leverages the collective knowledge of children's museums through convening, sharing, and dissemination. Learn more at <https://childrensmuseums.org/>.

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