

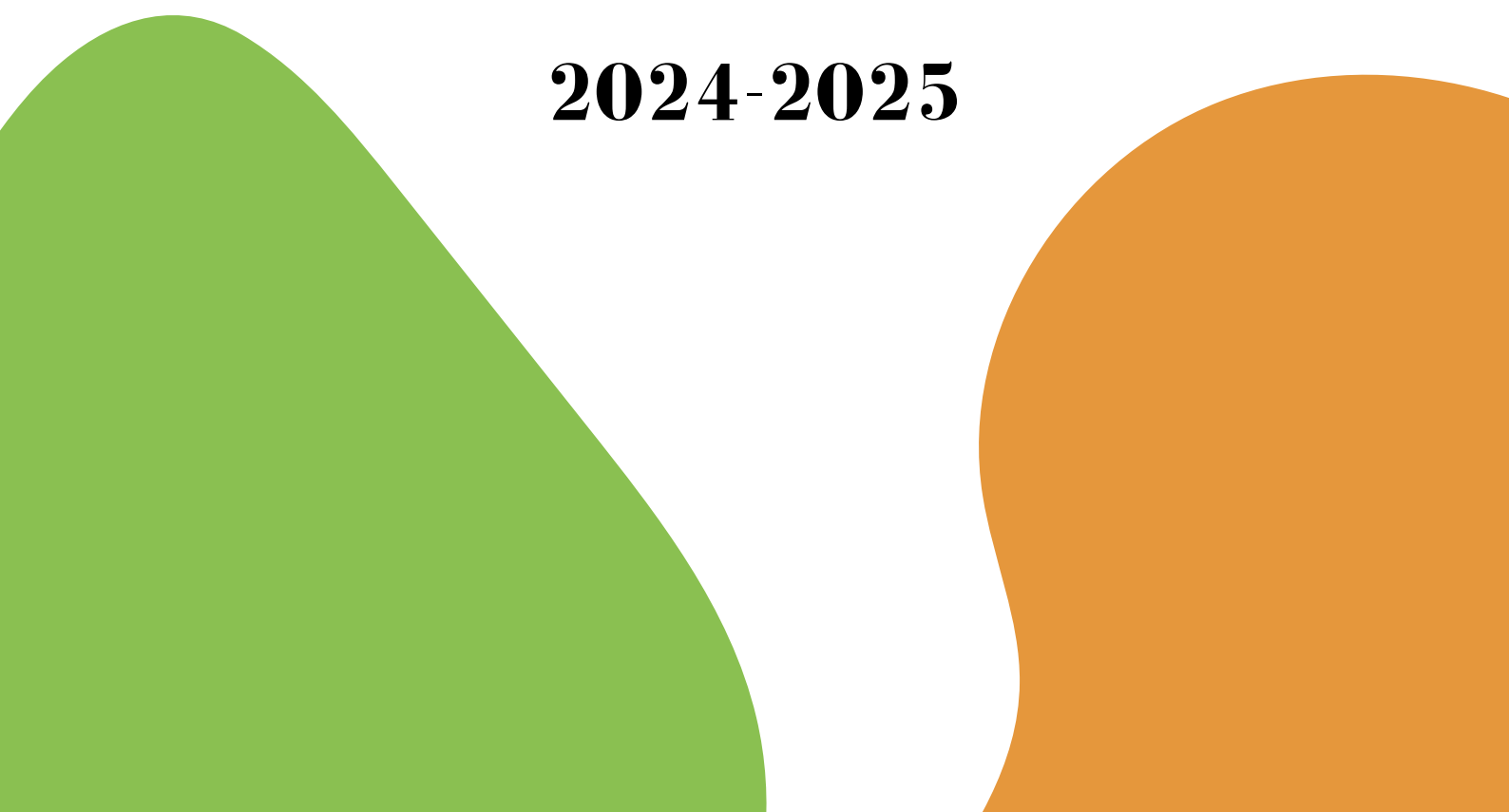


MUSEUM

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Application Package

2024-2025



2024/2025 Museum School London Application Package

Embark on an unforgettable week of curriculum-based learning in a local museum or heritage site. Now entering its 19th year, Museum School London allows teachers to make one of 8 local museums or heritage sites their classroom for 4 or 5 days of hands-on, experiential learning.

Please review the below information before proceeding with your application. In this package you will find the program's guidelines, philosophy, and goals, as well as the descriptions of each of the sites.

The Museum School London program is made possible with funding from: Canada Life (Presenting Corporate Sponsor), London Heritage Council, Thames Valley District School Board, London District Catholic School Board, City of London, and Kiwanis Club of Forest City.

Museum School London applications for the 2024/2025 academic year will open on April 26, 2024, and close on May 24, 2024. For more information about the program or application process, please join our Zoom information session on May 8th. Meeting details and a link to join is available on our website.

If you have any questions about the application or program, please contact:

London Heritage Council
museumschool@londonheritage.ca
519-930-2140

Museum School London Guidelines

About The Program:

Museum School London provides elementary students with an unforgettable week of learning and discovery. This innovative approach to education allows teachers to move their classrooms into a museum setting for a full week of curriculum-based experiential learning, making the arts, science, and Canadian history come to life.

MSL allows students to experience their lessons in a real-world environment where they feel engaged and are more likely to remember their lessons and push their learning to the next level. A grade 2/3 teacher who participated in the program in 2023 said "This was an incredible experience we will never forget! During the week, at one point I stopped what I was doing and looked around, and I noticed every single person, student, volunteer, EA, and teacher, was 100% engaged in what they were doing. The hands-on and rich inquiry-based learning truly provided an exciting and differentiated approach for students."

Founded as the result of a collaboration between a number of London-area museums in 2005, the first MSL pilot program involved 178 elementary students from the Thames Valley District School Board and the London District Catholic School Board. Since then, over 13,000 students and 513 classes from both school boards have benefited from an MSL week. In 2023/2024, 47 classes were able to enjoy this remarkable opportunity for hands-on learning.

During a MSL week, students and teachers will:

- Experience one of London's unique heritage sites.
- Participate in hands-on curriculum co-developed by teachers and museum staff.
- Connect with the curriculum by seeing first-hand how what they are learning applies in their community.

MSL promotes the use of experience journals to encourage students to observe, reflect, and make connections to the world beyond the classroom. This interactive, award winning program enables students to develop their writing, problem solving, and critical thinking skills.

Our Philosophy:

Museum School London (MSL) believes in breaking down the barriers between the world of museums and the world of classrooms. To do this, we provide opportunities for interdisciplinary and experiential learning by moving classrooms into local museums or heritage sites for a week of innovative programming. Students and teachers engage with the site, have meaningful conversations, and are able to slow down and reflect upon the experience. Through all of this, the site becomes a catalyst for making connections that extend beyond the classroom and into the world-at-large.

Our Goals:

- Bring students, teachers, and museums together to create shared educational experiences and increase opportunities for collaboration between teachers, heritage professionals and their local heritage community.
- Foster opportunities for students to take control of their own learning and to make connections that go beyond the classroom.
- To combine experiential learning and time for reflection, allowing students to better process information and make meaning of their experiences.
- Provide teachers with ideal environments for experiential and cross-curricular learning.
- Create a stronger sense of local community engagement, building a deeper appreciation of the history of both London and Canada.
- Reduce barriers that prevent London-area youth from engaging with our local heritage.

Program Fees:

The cost of one MSL week is \$1750, plus transportation. Thanks to program sponsors, we are able to subsidize the program for participating classes by \$1500, making the school's self-pay portion for the program \$250. This fee is non-negotiable and cannot be waived. The \$250 program fee is due, at minimum, two weeks prior to your class's MSL week.

Transportation:

We recognize that busing is a large barrier to participation in MSL. We are able to offer bus subsidies, **up to \$500 per class**. We have a finite number of subsidies available and cannot guarantee bus subsidies for all participating schools. Schools are responsible for booking and paying the bus invoices. Bus invoices should not be addressed or sent to the London Heritage Council. Bus subsidy reimbursement information must be received within four weeks of your trip, or your subsidy offer will be void and offered to another school. Reimbursement for transportation cost incurred by the school will only be given after the school has completed their Museum School London week. In order to receive this reimbursement, the school has to submit the following documents to the London Heritage Council:

- Copy of the invoices from the transportation company to the school.
- Copy of check issued to the transportation company by the school indicating proof of payment.
- Letter stating the total cost incurred and request for the reimbursement amount.

Cancellation Policy:

Notice of cancellation of your MSL week must be received in writing at least one month prior to the start of your week. With the exception of emergency situations, a \$250 cancellation fee will be issued for cancellations with less than one month's notice.

Week Restrictions:

As a limited number of weeks are available, each teacher is only permitted to participate in one MSL week per year.

Class Restrictions:

Each site is only able to accommodate one class of students per week. The maximum number of students for most sites is 30. If your class exceeds this maximum, the Museum Site Education Coordinator will decide whether the class can be accommodated. Sites have the right to decline additional students. Bringing more than the maximum number of students may result in an increase of the school pay fee, up to \$500.

Teacher Involvement:

The teacher plays a key role in the planning of the Museum School London week. Teachers accepted into the program are expected to respond to the Museum School London Coordinator and Museum Site Education Coordinators within a reasonable timeframe. All required documentation must be returned by the deadline to continue participation in the program. Teachers must visit the site prior to their week and must attend a meeting with the Museum Site Education Coordinator. These may happen separately if the timing works better for the participating teacher's schedule. If you are returning to a site, your physical presence may be excused at the discretion of the Museum Site Education Coordinator.

Teacher-led Time:

The MSL program consists of a mixture of site-led and teacher-led activities. Teachers must be prepared to lead activities each day of their MSL week, utilizing the resources and spaces of their site. Many teachers use the teacher-led time for journaling and student reflection on their experience.

Volunteers:

Parent or guardian volunteers are needed to accompany the class throughout the week to assist with supervision ratios as well as to engage with the students during small group activities. Please discuss the appropriate number of volunteers with the Museum Site Education Coordinator prior to your visit. Classes that do not have an appropriate number of volunteers may be charged an additional fee for extra museum or heritage site staff time.

Application Process:

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Contact:

If you have any questions about the MSL program, please contact:

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Museum School London Key Funders

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Museum School London Site Description

For the 2024/2025 academic year, there are 8 sites available for the Museum School London program. Each site covers a specific range of grades and curriculum connections.

The sites include:

- The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame
- Eldon House
- Fanshawe Pioneer Village
- Jet Aircraft Museum
- London Children's Museum
- Museum London
- Museum of Ontario Archaeology
- The Royal Canadian Regiment Museum

Please review the description of each of the sites below, including the grade levels and the areas of the curriculum that they cover before completing the Museum School London application.

The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame

Address 100 Kellogg Lane London, ON

Description

Spend a full week discovering Canada’s medical heroes. With curriculum connections for students in grades 7 and 8, the [Canadian Medical Hall of Fame](#) offers an exciting mix of science and technology, history, art, and drama activities. Through the lens of health scientist, students will meet with local community health agencies, conduct science experiments including DNA extraction from a strawberry and explore both Banting House National Historic Site and Robarts Research Institute. While imagining their own contribution to Canadian health, the students are inducted into the CMHF 50 years from now and will learn to draw their own portrait and draft their biography. A new initiative to introduce students to Indigenous perspectives on medicine and some of its uses is now included. They will develop an understanding of the present challenges faced by Indigenous people in the medical field and learn about Thomas Dignan the first Indigenous CMHF Laureate and his impact in improving the health and wellness of Indigenous people.

Grade Level Grade 6 (gifted)
Grade 7
Grade 8

Curriculum Covered

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics
<input type="checkbox"/> French as a Second Language	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Languages
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health and Physical Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science and Technology
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Language	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Studies, History and Geography

Eldon House

Address 481 Ridout Street N London, ON

Description

Virtually unchanged since the nineteenth century, [Eldon House](#) is London's oldest residence which contains family heirlooms, furnishings, and priceless treasures of the Harris Family and is surrounded by beautiful 19th-century heritage gardens. Eldon House offers curriculum-based programming for grades 3-10 which allows students to explore the history of the region, early London, and Canadian life in a domestic setting. Through themed tours, historical walking excursions, and interactive workshops, participants will learn about the significance of early London life, the causes, and effects of colonialism, and/or the use of the Antler River basin for Indigenous people and early settlers. Eldon House provides educational programming in the form of interactivities activities, imaginative workshops, museum tours, outdoor walking tours, and much more.

Grade Level

Grade 3
Grade 4
Grade 5
Grade 6
Grade 7
Grade 8

Curriculum Covered

- The Arts
- French as a Second Language
- Health and Physical Education
- Language
- Mathematics
- Native Languages
- Science and Technology
- Social Studies, History and Geography

Fanshawe Pioneer Village

Address Located inside Fanshawe Conservation Area. Enter at 1424 Clarke Road, London, Ontario

Description Make [Fanshawe Pioneer Village](#) your classroom and experience the past in the present at our living history museum! Classes will participate in a series of unique activities that create connections to the Ontario Curriculum and introduce students to life in the 1800s. Discover the hard work and experiences of the many diverse peoples who called this land home between 1820 and 1920, including Indigenous peoples, Settlers, Immigrants, and Freedom Seekers. The museum's programs are delivered in the setting of the Heritage Village to create an immersive experience. Students will leave with an understanding of how communities in this region have changed over time.

Grade 3
Grade 6

Grade Level (Program can be adapted to Grade 2, 7, 8 if requested.)

Curriculum Covered

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Jet Aircraft Museum

Address 2-2465 Aviation Lane London, ON

Description Housed at the London International Airport since 2008, the [Jet Aircraft Museum](#) is the only working aircraft museum in Canada dedicated to the study and restoration of Cold War jets. Students will be immersed in the historical period taking on the role of NATO pilots coming to Canada to learn to fly jets. Core instruction is from the Ontario Science Curriculum Unit: Flight. In a functioning maintenance and restoration hangar, students will be involved in interactive, hands-on learning activities (flight simulators, sit in a jet cockpit) in an authentic environment that can't be duplicated in the classroom.

Grade Level Grade 6

Curriculum Covered

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Language	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Studies, History and Geography

London Children's Museum

Description Imagine a classroom with dinosaurs, space shuttles, and a vibrant community street – and watch science, heritage and arts come alive! Explore hands-on exhibits and venture behind the scenes with the [London Children's Museum](#) as your classroom. The Children's Museum offers a wide range of interactive Ontario Curriculum-connected programs for Kindergarten through Grade 6. Children's Museum educators in partnership with classroom teachers, plan a tailor-made, Ontario Curriculum-connected, unforgettable week of hands-on learning and discovery catering to each classroom's specific needs.

Grade Level

- Kindergarten
- Grade 1
- Grade 2
- Grade 3
- Grade 4
- Grade 5
- Grade 6

Curriculum Covered

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Museum London

Address 421 Ridout Street N, London, ON

Description [Museum London](#)'s Curator of Education works with teachers to custom design a Museum School London Program that is fun and educational. Students participate in curriculum-based tours of our art and history exhibitions. The Museum's tour guides lead students in hands-on studio programs and the opportunity to work with local artists is also possible. The museum's location at the forks of the Thames River offers students a place to learn and reflect upon the central importance of the river in our community – the ways it has been used and the ways it has changed. The Museum has also been working with students to create art with code, and we can discuss ways to integrate art, history, making and technology in creative ways that build cross-curricular learning connections for your students. Museum London is downtown allowing for a Museum School London program that can include visits to other sites, such as the Covent Garden Market, St. Paul's Cathedral, Harris Park, and the Central Library.

Grade Level
Grade 1
Grade 2
Grade 3
Grade 4
Grade 5
Grade 6
Grade 7
Grade 8

Curriculum Covered

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Museum of Ontario Archaeology

Address 1600 Attawandaron Road London, ON

Description During your Museum School London week at the [Museum of Ontario Archaeology](#), students will enjoy a week filled with hands-on and interactive activities all designed with the Ontario Curriculum in mind. With a focus on archaeology and methodologies, students will gain insight towards how the study of archaeology helps us learn about the past, its peoples, and the lasting impact into today. Many of the programs are cross-curricular between Social Studies, Science, and Mathematics. Through discussion and activities of archaeological and historical thinking, students will explore Ontario's Indigenous history by learning about the people who inhabited the Lawson site c. 1500-1525 C.E. A week at the museum will include a blend of simulated excavations, artifact handling, traditional Indigenous games, and a guided hike in the adjacent creek area.

Grade Level
Grade 3
Grade 4
Grade 5
Grade 6
Grade 7

Curriculum Covered

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The Royal Canadian Regiment Museum

Address 701 Oxford Street E London, ON

Description Located in the designated National Historic Site Wolseley Barracks, [The Royal Canadian Regiment Museum](#) tells the story of the first infantry regiment with the regular army in Canada. Ontario Curriculum based, our education program supports learning by engaging students with Veterans and army life in general. Many other subjects are covered, from Grade 4 to Grade 8. In addition to interactive tours of the galleries, activities include semaphore flags, Morse code, map and compass reading, hands on exploration of artifacts, reading primary sources. Indigenous languages activity highlighting the contribution of First Nations to Canadian military during the Second World War is also available.

Grade Level
Grade 4
Grade 5
Grade 6
Grade 7
Grade 8

Curriculum Covered

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