

Private Events Specialist, Sales & Catering Job Description

Date: April 2025 **Status:** Non-Exempt

Reporting Supervisor: Private Events Manager

Position Overview:

The Private Events Specialist, Sales & Catering is a regular full-time employee of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens hired by the President & Executive Director upon recommendation of the Events Director and Private Events Manager. They are is responsible for overseeing the sales and planning process of the department.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- 1. Exhibit a professional attitude when working with the public, volunteers, and staff.
- 2. Demonstrate and support a culture of diversity, equity, access, inclusion, and belonging.
- 3. Actively manage the event planning staff and daily operation/procedures of the department.
- 4. Ensure client satisfaction.
- 5. Work with the Manager of Rental Services to understand department goals and help drive the business.
- 6. Show and sell rental sites to potential clients; upsell when possible (add a reception with a wedding, add chairs, etc.).
- 7. Maintain up to date knowledge and information about Stan Hywet's services and events.
- 8. Attend regular meetings with rentals and operational staff to discuss and communicate issues regarding upcoming events.
- 9. Work with and provide information to the Hospitality and Event Coordinators with training and related policies and procedures.
- 10. Partner with the team to ensure timelines, floor plans, methods of execution, logistics, event staffing plans and services/vendors are properly coordinated.
- 11. Ensure rental parties and vendors are abiding by the signed contract.
- 12. Assist with RFQ (Request for Qualification) process for preferred caterers.
- 13. Establish and maintain rep and vendor relationships.
- 14. Provide event management for internal events and development events, including planning assistance as needed.
- 15. Communicate rental changes/needs with other departments as required.
- 16. Participate in required public events.
- 17. Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skills, and/or abilities required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.



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- 1. Should have the ability to work with staff and the public maintaining a high standard of professionalism.
- 2. Excellent human relation skills with the ability to relate to persons of all ages and of diverse backgrounds, skills and abilities.
- 3. Knowledge of financial management and accountability required.
- 4. Should be very organized and work efficiently with particular attention to detail and deadlines.
- 5. Must have a valid Ohio Driver's License.
- 6. Flexible work schedule.

Education and/or Experience:

- 1. A minimum of a high school diploma, or equivalent, is highly desirable.
- 2. 3-5 years' work experience in related field required.
- 3. Supervisory experience and work in event/wedding management a plus.
- 4. Computer literacy, including familiarity with Microsoft Word and Excel.

Usual and Customary Expectations:

- 1. Should expect to spend prolonged time sitting, walking and standing daily and to facilitate events indoors and outdoors regardless of inclement weather.
- 2. Able to move 30-50 pounds.
- 3. Some non-traditional hours required.

Acknowledgement:	
Employee's Signature	Date
Authorized Signature	Date