



Youth Volunteer Application

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Youth volunteer applications are accepted September 1st – 3:00 p.m. February 28th. Applications received after the deadline will be held until the next open application period. **Three letters of recommendation are required when application is submitted.** Recommendations from friends and family members are not accepted. Letters from teachers, other organizations applicant has volunteered with, coaches, supervisors, clients (lawn care, babysitting, dog walking, etc.) are permitted. Please note that the current application period is for summer, 2017 candidates.

Personal Information

Date: _____

Answer the following questions. For those that do not apply, enter n/a.

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____

Nickname _____ Birth Date ____/____/____ Shirt Size _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

School Name _____ Grade _____

Expected High School Graduation Date (Year) _____

Area of Interest

Which volunteer position interest you? **Select only one.**

- ☐ **Birthday Party Helper** - Volunteer assists education staff with children's birthday parties. This includes leading activities to engage birthday party guests. Candidates must be comfortable working with children of varying ages and have a high energy level. Experience working with kids preferred. Must be at least 14 years old.
- ☐ **Changing Exhibits Gallery Host** - Volunteer is stationed in the Aquarium's Changing Exhibits Gallery. He or she greets guests and shares information about the traveling exhibit. Candidates must be at least 13 years old at the time his or her application is submitted and very comfortable interacting with guests.
- ☐ **Guest Services Assistant** - Volunteer greets guests, shares information and actively engages visitors to ensure they experience all of the Aquarium's exhibits. Candidates must be at least 13 years old at the time his or her application is submitted and very comfortable interacting with guests.
- ☐ **Junior Docent** - Volunteer shares information about the Aquarium's exhibits and Virginia's marine environment with visitors. Candidates must be at least 14 years old at the time his or her application is submitted and agree to a minimum 4½ hour shift each week for one year.
- ☐ **Marsh Monday Guide** - This is a summer position. Volunteers will greet and lead aquarium guests in educational activities and tours along the marsh overlook. There will be two shifts 9:30-1:00 and 12:30-3:00 Mondays June-August. Candidates must be at least 13 years old and comfortable interacting with guests.
- ☐ **Nature Play Place Docent** - Volunteer is positioned in the Aquarium's Nature Play Place on the nature path; shares information with guests about the marsh habitat and encourage visitors to participate in activities and explorations. Candidates must be at least 11 years old at the time his or her application is submitted. Volunteer must be available at least 9 weeks between June and August. 11 and 12 year old nature place docents must be paired with a parent or guardian. Parent's application must be attached when youth application is submitted. This is a summer position with the option to volunteer during the school year.
- ☐ **Summer Camp Assistant** - Volunteer assists education staff with the Aquarium's summer sea camps. Candidates must be at least 15 years old with an interest in marine science and/or marine biology. Must be comfortable communicating with children of varying ages and skill levels and have high energy with the ability to lead various recreational activities. Experience working with children preferred. Previous Virginia Aquarium sea camp participants are ideal.

_____ **Toddler Program Assistant** - Volunteer assists Toddler Program Coordinator with planning and presenting toddler events. Candidates must have high energy and comfortable working with toddlers. Applicants with artistic and/or musical abilities a plus. Must be at least 14 years old. Available shifts; Tuesdays 9 am – 1 pm or Thursdays 10 am – 12 pm. This is a great volunteer opportunity for homeschooled teens.

General Information

Answer the following questions. For those that do not apply, enter n/a.

How did you hear about the Aquarium's volunteer program? _____

Why do you want to volunteer at the Aquarium? _____

Describe any previous volunteer experience: _____

List community and school activities you are involved with. Give a description of your duties _____

Emergency Contact

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ (☐ Home ☐ Cell ☐ Work) Relation _____

Parental Consent

I support my ☐ son's/☐ daughter's (*please select one*) volunteer commitment to the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center. I am aware that if selected, he/she will assume the responsibility of volunteering for the required time and I will ensure that he/she is present for the assignment or make sure his/her supervisor is notified of absences. I also agree to make certain my son/daughter attends all required training.

I understand that while serving as a Virginia Aquarium volunteer my son/daughter may be photographed and/or video recorded. Such photography and videography may be used for educational, promotional, and/or commercial purposes. By signing I agree to hold harmless the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center and the City of Virginia Beach from any claim arising out of, or pertaining to, the use of his/her image or likeness for the above stated purposes.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____

The Next Step Return your completed application to *Attn: Volunteer Resources Office – Youth Volunteer Applicant* – don't forget your three letters of recommendation. All applications are reviewed and if selected for further consideration, you will be contacted for an interview.