



## Youth Volunteer Application

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*Youth volunteer applications are accepted September 1<sup>st</sup> – February 28<sup>th</sup>. Applications received after the deadline will be held until the next open application period. Three letters of recommendation are required when application is submitted. Please note that current application period is for summer, 2012 candidates.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Personal Information

*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 \_\_\_\_\_

### Area Of Interest

*Which volunteer position interest you? Please select one.*

\_\_\_ **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.

\_\_\_ **Trail Docent** – Volunteer is positioned along the Aquarium's nature trail; shares information with guests about marsh animals and encourage visitors to participate in activities and trail explorations. Candidates must be at least 11 years old at the time his or her application is submitted. This is a summer position. Volunteer must be available at least 9 weeks between June and August. 11 and 12 year old trail docents must be paired with a parent or guardian. Parent's application must be attached when youth application is submitted.

\_\_\_ **Trail Mentor** – Volunteer mentors younger trail docents and shares information with guests. Candidates at least 16 years old with trail experience are preferred. Volunteer must be available at least 9 weeks between June and August.

\_\_\_ **Wildflower Garden Assistant** – This is a summer position. Volunteer greets guests and shares craft activities with visitors in the wildflower garden. Candidates must be at least 14 years old and agree to a minimum 4½ hour shift every Wednesday for at least 9 weeks between June and August.

**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? \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe any previous volunteer experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Emergency Contact**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ ( Home  Cell  Work) Relation \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**The Next Step** Return your completed application to Volunteer Resources, Attn: Volunteer Coordinator. All applications are reviewed and if selected for further consideration, you will be contacted for an interview.