



Virginia Aquarium Diver Program

Basic Volunteer Requirements for Dive Operations

To participate in the Aquarium's Dive Program, Volunteer Candidates Must:

- Complete all volunteer program requirements established by the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center: 1) submit an application with two references; 2) meet volunteer position criteria; 3) successfully pass a criminal history search and; 4) complete all required training.
- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Be SCUBA certified to the level of Advanced Open Water by a recognized agency; PADI, NAUI, SSI, etc.
- Must submit photocopies of his or her certification card and the last five dive log entries.
- Have completed at least 25 dives and at least 10 open water dives in the last year.
- Complete all volunteer/diver waiver forms.
- Complete a diver physical examination and provide the appropriate physician's consent forms every three years.
- Attend and successfully complete an in-pool diver skills evaluation as part of tryouts for the Dive Team.
- Attend and complete all volunteer diver orientation requirements including passing the Volunteer Diver Protocol Evaluation.
- Be available to dive a pre-determined number of times per year as established by the Aquarium staff and the dive team coordinator. Volunteers may be required to dive on holidays.
- Be certified in Adult CPR and basic first aid within 3 months of becoming a dive team member and remain current during membership term.
- Complete all training requirements for certification as a Virginia Aquarium diver.

Candidates that complete the conditions of application are eligible to be placed on the active dive roster. To remain active, members must volunteer a minimum of 8 hours per month of training, diving or dive team support OR the minimum requirement established by the Diver Advisory Board. The minimum number of hours for the year must be 48.