



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, 2019 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 _____

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 helping with set-up and cleanup, greeting guests as they arrive and leading activities to engage birthday party guests. Candidates must be at least 14 years old with good communication skills. Must be comfortable working with children of varying ages and have a high energy level. An interest in marine science and experience working with children preferred. This position requires a minimum of two 3½ hour shifts per month. This is a summer position with the option to volunteer during the school year.

_____ **Changing Exhibits Gallery Host** - Volunteer is stationed in the Aquarium's Changing Exhibits Gallery. He or she greets guests, answer questions and engage visitors in conversations and hands-on activities about the traveling exhibit. Candidates must be at least 13 years old at the time his or her application is submitted, have good communication skills. Applications should have a pleasant disposition, be reliable and punctual and able to direction. This position requires a minimum of one 4½ hour shift a week. Volunteer must be available at least nine weeks between June and August. This is a summer position with the option to volunteer during the school year.

Area of Interest Continued

Remember, select only one.

- _____ **Family Floor Docent** – This is an opportunity for family members to volunteer together at the Aquarium. As a team, volunteers will share information about the Aquarium’s exhibits and Virginia’s marine environment with guests. Candidates must be at least 13 years old, able to take direction, work within a team and independently. Must also have good communication skills, comfortable speaking before groups of people and able to stand for an extended period of time. Applicants must also be reliable and punctual. This position requires a minimum of one 3½ hour shift a week for at least nine weeks out of the summer. Youth applicants must be paired with a parent or guardian.
- _____ **Floor Docent** - Volunteer shares information about the Aquarium’s exhibits and Virginia’s marine environment with guests. Candidates must be at least 14 years old, able to take direction, work within a team and independently. Must also have good communication skills, comfortable speaking before groups of people and able to stand for an extended period of time. Applicant must also be reliable and punctual. This position requires a minimum of one 3½ hour shift a week. Volunteer service as a Touch Pool Exhibit Guide is a prerequisite for this position. Although this is a summer position, volunteers that remain during the school year have the option to learn new skills and advance to additional opportunities. This position is also great for homeschooled teens.
- _____ **Marsh Ambassador** - Volunteers greet and lead aquarium guests in educational activities and tours along the marsh overlook and nature trail. Candidates must be at least 13 years old, personable, outgoing, comfortable interacting with large groups and able to take direction. An interest in marine science is a plus. This position requires a minimum of one 3¾ hour shift a week on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday. Volunteer must be available at least nine weeks between June and August. This is a summer only position.
- _____ **Summer Camp Assistant** - Volunteers aid Sea Camp instructors in providing a safe, educational and memorable experiences to youth attending summer camps at the Aquarium. Candidates must be at least 16 years old with experience working with children between 6 and 9 years old. Applicants must be able to participate in high-energy activities that often occur outdoors during the heat of summer. Must also have a pleasant demeanor and able to take direction. Ideal candidates will have an interest in science and experience working in a camp. This position requires a minimum of 2 two-day camps between the end of June and the end of July. This is a summer only position.
- _____ **Ticket Taking Assistant** - Volunteers greet and direct guests, answer visitor questions and share details about special programs and experiences. Candidates must be at least 13 years old at the time his or her application is submitted. Applicant should be friendly and patient with the ability to stand for an extended period of time and comfortable interacting with large crowds. This position requires a minimum of one four hour shift a week. Volunteer must be available at least nine weeks between June and August. This is a summer position with the option to volunteer during the school year.
- _____ **Toddler Program Assistant** - Volunteer assists Toddler Program Coordinator with planning and presenting toddler events. Candidates must be at least 14 years old, out-going with have high energy and comfortable working with toddlers. Must also have a pleasant demeanor and able to take direction. Applicants with artistic and/or musical abilities a plus. An interest in marine science and experience working with children preferred. This position requires a minimum of one 4½ hour shift a week. Volunteer must be available at least nine weeks between June and August. This is a summer position with the option to volunteer during the school year. This is also a great volunteer opportunity for homeschooled teens.
- _____ **Touch Pool Exhibit Guide** – Volunteer provides fun, engaging and educational experiences for Aquarium guests while sharing information about the animals in the Chesapeake Bay Aquarium and Rays touch pools. Candidates must be at least 14 years old, able to take direction, work within a team and independently. Must also have good communication skills, comfortable speaking before groups of people and able to stand for an extended period of time. Applicant must also be reliable and punctual. This position requires a minimum of one 3½ hour shift a week. This is a summer position with the option to volunteer during the school year.

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 do hereby assume the risks of possible accidental physical injuries that my child may suffer while participating as a youth volunteer and release the City of Virginia Beach, its employees, agents, officers, directors and other volunteers from any and all claims, actions, liability or cause of action, whatsoever on account of bodily and/or personal injury or other damages.

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.