

# High School YOUTH VOLUNTEER APPLICATION PACKET

## Application Process:

Fifteen students will be chosen to participate in the high school volunteer program for the Tennessee Aquarium. Applications are due by April 24, 2009 and notification letters will be mailed no later than Monday, May 4, 2009.

Applicants must be high school students between the ages of 14-17 years old who have completed a high school biology class and be able to volunteer for ONE calendar year.

One mandatory training Class will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2009 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

# TENNESSEE AQUARIUM

## High School Youth Volunteer Requirements

**Applicants must have completed High School Biology and be 14 to 17 years of age to apply**

**Please submit the following:**

One reference letter (teacher, community leader, minister, or family friend). No relatives please!

Completed application

Complete these questions on the back of the application form:

1. Why do you want to volunteer as a high school youth volunteer at the Tennessee Aquarium?
2. Describe three of your personality traits that would help you as a volunteer.
3. How do you feel about speaking to groups of people? Have you had any experience speaking in public?
4. Tell us about your greatest accomplishment.
5. What makes you stand out from other students?

**Please return completed application, reference letter and items to:**

**Tennessee Aquarium, Volunteer Office  
P. O. Box 11048**

**Chattanooga, Tennessee 37401-2048**  
**FAX 423-756-1849**  
**(423) 785-3057, [jmp@tnaqua.org](mailto:jmp@tnaqua.org)**

# Tennessee Aquarium High School Youth Volunteers

## Volunteer Position Description:

Youth volunteers are stationed in designated galleries to interpret exhibits by engaging guests with information about the habitats, animals and plants of the Tennessee Aquarium. This volunteer position is part of the Education Department.

## Work area:

- Tennessee Aquarium galleries

## Qualifications:

Youth volunteers should:

- have completed one year of high school biology and be 14 to 17 years old
- act appropriately in the galleries
- have good oral communication skills
- have a high level of maturity
- have a high academic record
- be proactive in problem solving
- have an interest in the sciences
- **be available to work one 4 1/2 hour shift every other week**

## Basic duties:

- answering visitors questions as they tour the Aquarium
- engage visitors by interpreting exhibits and the habitats they represent, pointing out and interpreting exhibit animals and plants
- dispensing an environmental message to our guests that stresses the interconnectedness of all living things and the importance of stewardship

## Training:

- Complete the MANDATORY Saturday training session on **Saturday, May 30, 2009 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the River Journey Auditorium. Lunch will be provided.**
- **Application Deadline: Wednesday, April 24, 2009. Only Fifteen students will be**

### **chosen to volunteer**

- Successfully complete a comprehensive written final at the conclusion of the training course

### **Time commitment:**

- commit to one year of service
- minimum requirement of 2 shifts per month to remain active (weekends or/and weekdays in the summer)
- a volunteer will become INACTIVE after 90 days with no volunteer service

### **Shifts:**

- two 4 1/2 hours shifts are offered every day of the week, one from 9:30 AM-2:00 PM and the other from 1:30-6:00 PM.

# Tennessee Aquarium

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## Youth Volunteer Application

<b>Application Date:</b>					
<b>Personal Information</b>					
Full Name:					
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>M.I.</i>		
Street Address:					
City		State		ZIP	
Home Phone:	(    )	Cell Phone:	(    )		
E-mail Address:			Birth Date:		
<b>Emergency Contact &amp; Relationship:</b>					
School Name:					
Advisor/Teacher:					
<b>General Information</b>					
Have you completed one year of high school biology?      If "NO" you do not qualify for this program					
Do you have reliable transportation?					
Shirt Size:	Small	Medium	Large	X-Large	XX-Large
Career Goal?					
<b>Volunteer Experience</b>					
Organization:			Position:		
Organization:			Position:		
<b>Other Information</b>					
Skills/Hobbies					
Extracurricular Activities:					
Work Experience:					
How did you hear about this program?					