

# Zoological Society - Education Department High School Assistant Application

*This application should be filled out by the high school student who is interested in the volunteer position.*

Please complete this application in full and return with two letters of reference. A teacher or an advisor from an organization, church or school can write reference letters. Please note: There are a limited number of positions available and we will be making our selection based on the information you provide.

Return this form and reference letters by **April 9, 2019 (extended deadline)**. We will review all applications and contact you regarding an interview.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Email is our primary form of contact with all applicants. Please be sure to list a current email address and check it regularly upon applying.

If you were a High School Assistant in previous years you **do not** need to include letters of reference. We will use your evaluations from past years for your references.

Good luck and thank you for applying.

## **Please print**

*(If you choose to type your answers, please include questions and attach to application form)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated H. S. Graduation Date (mo/yr) \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been a High School Assistant at the Zoo before? \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes

How did you hear about the High School Assistant program? (Circle all that apply)

Zoo Pride                  Zoo Newsletter                  School Counselor/ Announcements  
Zoo Employee/Word of mouth          Zoo Website                  Other \_\_\_\_\_

1. Why do you want to be a volunteer High School Assistant?

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2. What past experience do you have working with children (volunteer work, family, babysitting, etc.)?

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3. Why do you think it is important for children ages 2-14 to learn about animals and the environment?

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4. In a short paragraph, describe what characteristics or skills you have that would make you qualified for this specific volunteer opportunity. Use examples and be specific.

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## **Two-Week Session Choices:**

### **What do I do?**

- Choose the sessions that you will be able to volunteer. Label them from 1 - 4, #1 being your **first** choice.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Session 1    June 18– July 2**  
(Weekdays only)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Session 2    July 8 – July 19**  
(Weekdays only)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Session 3    July 22 – August 2**  
(Weekdays only)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Session 4    August 5 – August 14**  
(Weekdays only)

Please list any days you would not be available during the time that you would volunteer in the Conservation Education Department.

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**\*\*NOTE:** *You will be working weekdays, 8:45 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. No weekends are required.*

Would you be interested in any additional dates beyond your 2-week session?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                  \_\_\_\_\_ No

**NOTE:** *Selection for additional volunteer dates will be based on first session evaluations.*

If you answered, "Yes", please specify dates that you would be available to volunteer beyond your two-week session.

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If selected to be a High School Assistant you will be receiving a Summer Camp T-shirt. You will be required to wear the T-shirt every day that you volunteer.

Please circle your preferred t-shirt size:      S      M      L      XL

**INTERVIEW INFORMATION**

If your application is accepted, we will be conducting short interviews to get to know you as a candidate. These interviews will be scheduled on the following dates: April 23, 24, and 25 between 3:15-7 p.m. A Saturday date is also available: April 27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Interviews usually last 10-15 minutes. We will be contacting qualified applicants by email shortly after the application due date on April 2 to schedule interviews. *Please be sure to check your email regularly.*

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**Please include two letters of reference with your application. See instructions on page 1 of this application.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian's Signature

Applicant's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Return application with 2 letters of reference by **April 9, 2019**, to:

**Attention: Ana Suson  
Zoological Society-Education  
10005 W. Bluemound Rd.  
Milwaukee, WI 53226**

OR email to **anas@zoosociety.org**