



Zoo Guide Application
Volunteer Office
Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium
5400 N. Pearl St.
Tacoma, WA 98407



Postmark Deadline: January 27, 2014

Important Notes for Zoo Guide Applicants:

- Incomplete applications will not be considered for positions with the Zoo Guides. Please check your application to ensure it is complete before submitting it.
- Please have a teacher, school counselor, employer or other supervisor fill out a Reference Form.
- No more than two (2) Reference Forms will be accepted per applicant.
- Reference Forms from family members will not be accepted.
- Letters of Recommendation may be submitted in addition to the Reference Form, but **will not** be accepted in replacement of the Reference Form.
- Reference Forms are available for download at the PDZA Website (www.pdza.org/zoo-guides).

General Applicant Information: (Please print clearly.)

First Name

Last Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

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Home Telephone Number

Email Address

_____/_____/_____
Birth Date

Current School

Current Grade Level

Current GPA

Personal Information:

(Please answer the following questions as completely as possible. You may attach additional paper, as needed)

Why are you interested in becoming a member of the Zoo Guides?

Do you have any previous volunteer or work experience? If so, where did you volunteer/work and what were your responsibilities?

What do you hope to learn and/or what skills do you hope to develop by becoming a Zoo Guide?

What do you think is the most interesting thing about you?

Will being a Zoo Guide help you to fulfill a school or graduation requirement? If so, how many hours of community service are required of you, and why did you choose to volunteer at the zoo?

Essay:

Please use **one** (1) of the following prompts to write a short essay (between 250 - 500 words). Please write your essay on a separate sheet of paper and submit it with your completed application. Typed responses are preferred. Please make sure your name is on the essay.

1. Some researchers think that people don't understand how serious many environmental problems are because they don't spend enough time outside enjoying Nature (natural spaces and wildlife). In your essay please tell whether you agree or disagree with this thought and discuss the role that Nature has played in your personal development.
2. As a Zoo Guide you will be interacting with people of all ages; many of them young children. Some of these young visitors and campers may look up to you as a role model. In your essay please describe a personal role model and the qualities they exhibit. Explain why you want to have those qualities in your own life.

Applicant Agreement & Parent/Guardian Signature:

(Applications without a Parent/Guardian signature will not be considered for the Zoo Guides.)

I certify that I have read and understand the Zoo Guide Description. I certify that the statements made in this volunteer application are true and correct and have been given voluntarily. I authorize verification of all information contained in this application and understand that references may be requested by the volunteer office. I release previous employers or agencies for which I have performed volunteer work and Metro Parks of Tacoma from any and all claims and liabilities of any nature arising from supplying and/or verifying such information. If the information provided in this document is found to be untruthful, I understand that I will be released from the volunteer program. I understand that I will not be paid for my services as a volunteer and that filling out an application for the program does not guarantee acceptance into a volunteer position.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

**All application materials, including Reference Form and Essay, must be received or postmarked on or before
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Do you have everything ready?:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Application is complete and legible | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian Signature | <input type="checkbox"/> Reference Form is complete & attached to application. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Essay is proofread, legible and your name appears on the top. | | |