



Youth Volunteer Program 2021 Application Process Summary

Important Dates:

- March 22 – Application deadline
- March 23-April 14 – Selection process (including interviews)
- April 19-23 – Notification via email of selection
- May 2021 – Training sessions
- June 1-July 31 – Date range to complete minimum of 30 hours
- August 2021 – Recognition event and certificates for completion

Requirements to Participate:

- Must be between the ages of 13 and 18 years, turning 13 no later than June 1, 2021
- Must fully submit completed application by March 22, 2021
- Must be able and willing to complete no less than 30 volunteer hours between June 1 and July 31, 2021

Application Requirements:

- Completed Youth Volunteer Program 2021 Application
- Written essay demonstrating why you want to volunteer at the Garden
 - 500 words or less
 - Can be handwritten (legibly) or typed
- Reference letter from an adult other than a parent or guardian
 - Should emphasize the applicant's character and how they are well suited to become part of the next generation of environmental stewards
- Completion of a brief interview (in-person, over the phone, or via Zoom)

Volunteer Roles and Responsibilities

Note: Each volunteer will participate in some or all that are listed below. Assignments will be based on interest and availability of Garden staff.

- Horticulture/Greenhouse
 - Assist in maintaining the Garden grounds (Planting, mulching, weeding, watering, etc.)
 - Assist in maintaining the Greenhouse (Planting, re potting, propagation, watering, etc.)
 - Learn about invasive species management and removal
- Education
 - Assist in summer science camp programs
 - Assist in gathering and conceptualizing interpretation
- Plant Conservation and Research
 - Record plants and learn about plant documentation
 - Assist with current research projects
- All: Develop an action plan to promote environmental sustainability in your own home landscape.
 - One-page document detailing something you can do at home to increase your sustainability
 - Examples: Composting, reduce chemical use in gardens, recycling, etc.

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