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
  o 500 words or less
  o Can be handwritten (legibly) or typed
 Reference letter from an adult other than a parent or guardian
  o 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
  o Assist in maintaining the Garden grounds (Planting, mulching, weeding, watering, etc.)
  o Assist in maintaining the Greenhouse (Planting, repotting, propagation, watering, etc.)
  o Learn about invasive species management and removal
 Education
  o Assist in summer science camp programs
  o Assist in gathering and conceptualizing interpretation
 Plant Conservation and Research
  o Record plants and learn about plant documentation
  o Assist with current research projects
 All: Develop an action plan to promote environmental sustainability in your own home landscape.
  o One-page document detailing something you can do at home to increase your sustainability
  o Examples: Composting, reduce chemical use in gardens, recycling, etc.

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