Youth Volunteer Program
2022 Application Process Summary

Important Dates:
• February 25 – Application deadline
• March 7-11, 21-31, April 1-7 – Selection process (including interviews)
• April 18-22 – Notification via email of selection
• May 2022 – Training sessions, Final paperwork due
• June 1-July 31 – Date range to complete minimum of 30 hours
• July 2022 – 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, 2022
• Must fully submit completed application by February 25, 2022
• Must be able and willing to complete no less than 30 volunteer hours between June 1 and July 31, 2022
  o Attendance of at least 3 Green Sector career presentations required.

Application Requirements:
• Completed Youth Volunteer Program 2022 Application
• Written essay explaining 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 for select applicants (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, re potting, 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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