



## **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
  - 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
  - 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 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
  - 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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