



JUNIOR VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Our Junior Volunteer program is open to students entering the 8th-11th grades. The program is designed to teach youth about child development and to encourage individual growth. JV's are required to attend appropriate training prior to the start of their volunteer hours. We hold our JV's to a high standard and expect the volunteers to communicate with Museum staff with any scheduling or other issues that may arise. We treat our JV's as respectful young adults and expect the same from them. If you feel your child is unable to act accordingly or communicate with Museum staff on their own, it may be best to wait a year to enroll in the program.

Name: _____ Grade: 8th 9th 10th 11th School: _____

Parent or Guardian Name(s): _____

Guardian's Phone: _____ Guardian's Email Address: _____

Student's Phone: _____ Student's Email Address: _____

What's the best way to contact you about schedule changes or special event availability?

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____ (Accepted volunteers are required to purchase a T-shirt for \$10 at orientation)

Volunteer Tracks

Which program are you interested in? Please circle one. (See descriptions below)

Junior Educators

Play Guide

Play Guide

Play Guides are perfect for outgoing and energetic volunteers that enjoy meeting new people and being in social settings. We will train Play Guides on each exhibit to understand the educational importance of the exhibit as well as proper ways to play with the exhibits and families during their visit to the Museum. Play Guides will be responsible for encouraging safe play and communicating with Museum Staff on any issues that may occur on the exhibit floor. This program is available June – August with two shifts- 10A-12P and 1P-3P. Play guide training will happen in the beginning of June.

Junior Educators

We're looking for enthusiastic, upbeat, and energetic volunteers to help with our summer programs. The Junior Educators will assist in educational activities for Summer Camps and pop-up programs during Museum hours. Junior Educators will be trained in safety, child development, and activity planning. This program is available June – July. Educator Training will happen in the beginning of June.

Please list any previous experience, hobbies, or interests that are applicable to your preferred program.

Availability:

We require you to commit to one shift per week and up to four per week. Please mark all shifts that would work for you and we will put together the final schedule

How many shifts would you prefer per week? (circle) 1 2 3 4+

Junior Educator

Play Guides

Monday	8:45-11:45 _____	11:30-2:30 _____	10:00-12:00 _____	1:00-3:00 _____
Tuesday	8:45-11:45 _____	11:30-2:30 _____	10:00-12:00 _____	1:00-3:00 _____
Wednesday	8:45-11:45 _____	11:30-2:30 _____	10:00-12:00 _____	1:00-3:00 _____
Thursday	8:45-11:45 _____	11:30-2:30 _____	10:00-12:00 _____	1:00-3:00 _____
Friday	8:45-11:45 _____	11:30-2:30 _____	10:00-12:00 _____	1:00-3:00 _____

Would you like to volunteer at special events during the Fall, Winter, and Spring? Yes _____ No _____

We understand there will be times when you cannot make it to your scheduled shift. Please call 217-423-5437 to let us know in advance.

Applicant:

I agree that all the information provided here is true. I am aware that application does not mean acceptance. I understand that I am expected to arrive on time and enthusiastic about helping at the Museum. If I cannot work my shift I will contact the Museum.

Student Name (print): _____

Student (signature): _____ Date: _____

Parents:

I understand that this application does not assure that this student will be selected for this program. If selected, I will be responsible for providing on-time transportation to and from the Museum for this student on their assigned days. I understand that volunteers are expected to treat their time at the Museum just as if this were a paid position.

Parent or Guardian (print): _____

Parent or Guardian (signature): _____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Please return forms to Children's Museum of Illinois either by email, mail, or in-person to
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