

THIS DESCRIPTION IS FROM 2018. THE PROGRAM ITSELF WILL BE VERY SIMILAR, BUT THE DATES WILL CHANGE!!!

The Florida Aquarium Education Department is very excited to welcome a new group of Junior Educators for Summer 2018. We are looking for responsible high school students, ages 14 - 17, who are interested in volunteering for the duration of the summer term, May 29th – August 3rd. This includes assisting with AquaCamps and guest interaction on the Gallery pathway. *See position description below for more details.*

Experience with children ages 3 to 9 and public speaking is a plus, but is not required. Junior Educators will need to commit to the onsite training days listed below, and to volunteering two weekdays per week during the summer; one day with AquaCamps and one day on the Gallery pathway. Please keep in mind that this is a highly competitive program. Only students that exhibit the desire to serve with us and commit to the strict schedule will be accepted into this program. The onsite trainings will be held:

- Sunday, April 22, 2018, from 1:00pm – 4:00pm – Required Attendance
- Saturday, May 5, 2018, from 1:00pm – 5:00pm – Required Attendance
- Saturday, May 19, 2018, from 8:30am – 3:30 pm – Required Attendance (Camp All-Staff Training)

To apply for the program, please complete and return the attached application to The Florida Aquarium no later than March 1, 2018. Applications will be reviewed after that date and candidates contacted. Once accepted, there is a \$30 materials fee to cover the cost of the uniform. Final selections will be made no later than April 1. There are a limited number of Junior Educator positions available – not all applicants will be selected. **Incomplete applications will not be considered. (See the website for essay topics and recommendation form: www.flaquarium.org/teenvolunteers)**

Junior Educator Volunteer Position Description

The program is designed to give each participant an overview of the Education Department at The Florida Aquarium and to introduce them to a professional environment. At the conclusion of this summer program, our Junior Educators will have:

- shared our conservation message with guests through engaging bio-fact demonstrations.
- delivered extraordinary customer service to our guests and campers.
- enthusiastically shared their passion for science with our AquaCampers, age 3-9.

Each Junior Educator will commit to a minimum of two (2) days of service per week for 10 weeks (May 29 – August 3, 2018) over the summer. Your schedule will be determined prior to the summer to allow for scheduling around this commitment. *Accommodations may be made for vacations or prior commitments within reason and with sufficient notice.*

One day per week during the summer commitment, each participant will work with the camp program. They will be assigned to work alongside our Camp Counselors for AquaTots (3-4 year olds), AquaKids (5-6 year olds), grade K-1 campers or grade 2-3 campers. The camp day will be from 7:30am – 4:00pm or 9:00am – 5:30pm; further details will be discussed during training. *There will be no AquaCamps during the week of July 2, 2018, due to the Independence Day holiday.*

On the other day of the week during the summer commitment, each participant will work on the exhibit pathway with our Educators. They will be directly interacting with daily visitors, utilizing biofacts at the Education carts to teach guests about the natural environment, interpreting at different habitats, and assisting at our touch pools. The gallery day will be from 9:00am-5:00pm.

*****All Junior Educators will need to pass a drug screening and be fingerprinted. All information will be given to the accepted Junior Educators. Fees will be reimbursed to those who complete their fingerprinting at the requested facility. Additionally, email is the primary form of communication used by the Aquarium. A monitored email address is required for all applicants.*****