

The Florida Aquarium's Education Department is very excited to welcome a new group of Junior Educators for Summer 2019. We are looking for responsible high school students, ages 14 - 17, who are interested in volunteering for the duration of the summer term, June 3rd – August 9th. 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:

- Saturday, April 6, 2019, from 1:00pm – 4:00pm – Required for ALL Applicants **and** Parents
- Sunday, April 28, 2019, from 1:00pm – 5:00pm – Required for Accepted Applicants
- Saturday, May 11, 2019, from 2:00pm – 5:00pm – Required for Accepted Applicants
- Saturday, May 18, 2019, from 8:30am – 3:30 pm – Required for Accepted Applicants (Camp Training)

To apply for the program, please complete and return the attached application to The Florida Aquarium no later than March 15, 2019. 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 19. 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

This 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 (June 3 – August 9, 2019) 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 the April 6th training.

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 are required 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 facilities. Additionally, email is the primary form of communication used by the Aquarium. A monitored email address is required for all applicants. It is strongly recommended that each Junior Educator at least have easy access to the email address and inbox that is used to communicate with The Florida Aquarium.*****

To Apply

Please email or fax your application, your essay, and the teacher recommendation form to:

Rebecca Hughes

Email: rhughes@flaquarium.org

Phone and Fax: (813) 367-4075

Application Form (ALL fields are required)

Student Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Birthday: _____ Age: _____ Grade Level: _____ GPA: _____

School: _____ Shirt Size: _____ Email address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Cell Number: _____

Availability

Please circle at least three days that you will be available each week during the summer:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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I will not be available at these times during the summer due to previous commitments:

Junior Educator Agreement

I have read the details above and understand the position description for The Florida Aquarium’s 2019 Junior Educator program. I understand that attendance and reliability is extremely important. I commit to attending all required trainings. I will commit to two volunteer days per week during the summer. I will work with my supervisor to set up a schedule that accommodates my availability *and* the needs of The Florida Aquarium’s Education Department. I understand that if accepted into the program, I must pay the \$30 fee at the April 28th training.

 Student Signature Date

Parent Agreement

I have read the details above and understand the position description for The Florida Aquarium’s 2019 Junior Educator program. I give my child permission to be a Junior Educator volunteer and I accept full responsibility for my child’s participation in this program. Additionally, I give permission for the Aquarium to administer emergency medical treatment in the event I cannot be reached.

 Parent Signature Date