

The Florida Aquarium's Student Environmental Action League ("S.E.A. League" or "the League") is accepting applications for the calendar year of 2019 between November 1 and December 15, 2018. The League was created to explore the many areas in which local teens can help strengthen the impact and focus of the Aquarium's mission and vision. The League discusses, debates, and decides which internal and external programs may benefit from teen-led support, as well as leading cleanups and other conservation-focused activities.

The applicants who are selected for the 2019 calendar year will be expected to further develop, clarify, and expand the existing parameters for the S.E.A. League.

Student Environmental Action League applicants should possess the following characteristics:

- dedication and reliability
- conservation-mindedness and awareness of the challenges facing our community and planet
- willingness to collaborate and listen to others' ideas
- flexibility and openness to new ideas and concepts
- be between 14 and 18 years of age and currently enrolled in high school

Student Environmental Action League applicants must commit to:

- attend 6 out of 12 monthly League meetings
- attend 2 out of 4 annual League activities (TBD on January 26)
- supply at least two weeks' notice if they are not able to attend an event or activity
- check their email and/or utilize the online communication tool, Slack, **at least once a week**
- submit a one-time \$30 materials fee to cover the cost of the uniform

Meeting Dates

January 26	10:00 – 12:00
February 9	10:00 – 12:00
March 9	10:00 – 12:00
April 13	10:00 – 12:00
May 11	10:00 – 12:00
June 8 – World Oceans Day Cleanup, attendance recommended	
June 15	10:00 – 12:00
July 13	10:00 – 12:00
August 10	10:00 – 12:00
September 14	10:00 – 12:00
October 12	10:00 – 12:00
November 9	10:00 – 12:00
December 14	10:00 – 12:00

All accepted applicants and their parents will be expected to sign a Statement of Understanding that indicates their acceptance of the above requirements. It is recommended that all S.E.A. League members have their own email addresses and cell phone numbers.

Once accepted, League members have the option of extending their involvement until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 20.

Please see Page 2 for details on the application and selection processes.

Application Process

In an effort to reduce paper consumption, the Student Environmental Action League's application process is online. If this poses an insurmountable challenge for you or your reference, please contact Rebecca Hughes, Education Volunteer Coordinator, at 813-367-4075 to discuss other options for submission.

A complete application includes a complete application form, submission of your essay response, AND a complete recommendation form. Your recommendation must be submitted by a non-relative adult (teacher, mentor, youth minister, Scout leader, etc.) who is willing to be contacted about your application via email or phone.

The application form asks for general information (name, address, phone number, age), as well as more specific information (extracurricular activities, how you heard about the League, etc.).

The essay prompt is: **Why did you decide to apply for the Student Environmental Action League AND what do you hope to accomplish by joining the League?** Your essay response should be between 500 and 1000 words **or** should be explained in a video that is under 2 minutes long. You can upload this file from your personal Google Drive directly to the online form **or** you can email it to rhughes@flaquarium.org.

The online application form can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/SEALeagueApplication>

The online recommendation form can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/SEALeagueRecommendation>

Clickable links are on the Aquarium's website: <http://www.flaquarium.org/teenvolunteers>

Selection Process

All applications will be reviewed anonymously by the current League members and staff advisors.

The League will hold a group interview from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at The Florida Aquarium (701 Channelside Drive, Tampa, FL 33602) on January 12, 2019.

Due to the volume of applications, some applicants may not be chosen to participate in the group interview.

All applicants will be informed of their status no later than January 4, 2019.

All participants in the group interview will be informed of their status no later than January 18, 2019.

All selected applicants are strongly encouraged to make attending the January 26, 2019 meeting a priority.

Further Information

If you have any questions, please reach out to Rebecca Hughes, Education Volunteer Coordinator, at 813-367-4075 or rhughes@flaquarium.org.