



North Carolina AQUARIUMS

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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date: ____/____/____
Mailing Address: _____
E-Mail _____
Day Phone or Cell: _____ Evening Phone: _____
Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Please Identify Times of Availability:

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM							
PM							

Please review the volunteer opportunities and rank your preference of departments.

____ Education ____ Aquarist ____ Diver ____ Administration ____ Horticulture

Work & Education Experience:

Occupation (If retired, give most recent employment) _____

Are you a student? _____ Institution: _____

Volunteer experience _____

Hobbies, interests, and special skills (including working with animals) _____

Physical Limitations: _____

I understand that the above information is confidential and will be used only by the North Carolina Aquariums unless otherwise stated. I understand as a volunteer, I am not paid for my services. I certify that the statements made in this volunteer application are true and correct, and I have no knowingly withheld any information. I understand that filling out this application does not guarantee acceptance into a volunteer position.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Office Use:

Orientation given by: _____ Date: _____

Department assigned: _____ Start Date: _____

Please return to: Volunteer Services Coordinator

Fax: (910) 458-6812

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

• MICHAEL F. EASLEY, GOVERNOR • WILLIAM G. ROSS JR., SECRETARY • DAVID R. GRIFFIN, DIVISION DIRECTOR •



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VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTIONS

EDUCATION

Interns assist the education staff with a variety of programs for the public. Opportunities may include: Exhibit Interpreters for the Touch Tank and Let's Talk Turtle Exhibit, small group tour guides, smart carts and presentations, as well as off site festivals and special events. Must be willing and able to relate to the public, including large school and tour groups. Excellent customer service skills are a must.

SUPERVISORS: Curator of Education and Educators

AQUARIOLOGY

Aquarist's interns are instrumental in the general maintenance of filtration systems as well as both freshwater and saltwater exhibits. They assist aquarists with tasks such as diet preparation, feeding animals, cleaning tanks, and monitoring water conditions. Other duties may include performing routine water changes, maintenance of back-up areas, record keeping and data entry. Applicants for this position must be prepared to get wet and dirty. A four-month commitment is required.

SUPERVISORS: Husbandry Curator and Aquarists

ADMINISTRATION

Opportunities abound within the realm of Administration. Special Events, Public Relations and Volunteer Services are all areas that would benefit greatly from an intern. Working directly under the supervision of the head of these departments will result in a full understanding of what is required for these fields.

Interns in these areas are expected to be meticulous and professional. Creativity is a must. A four-month commitment is required.

SUPERVISORS: Department head in specified area.

HORTICULTURE

Interns assist the staff Horticulturist with plant care among a variety of different habitats. These opportunities may include; planting, watering plants, mulching, fertilizing, inspecting plants, identifying and labeling of a diversity of plant species, caring for seedlings, controlling pests, and cleaning exhibits and back-up areas. Applicants should have a basic knowledge of plants and their care and be willing to read and learn about daily needs of plant specimens. Must be willing to get wet and occasionally dirty. Must be physically able to work and lift some heavy materials.

SUPERVISORS: Horticulturist

CERTIFIED DIVER VOLUNTEER

Divers assist the Dive Safety Coordinator and Volunteer Lead Dive Staff with routine cleaning procedures and maintenance of the Cape Fear Shoals Exhibit. Trained volunteers have the opportunity to present popular education program to audiences at our daily Dive Shows. Volunteer applicants must be SCUBA-certified and in good health, proof of a recent physical is mandatory. Potential divers must successfully complete a swim test and underwater skills test, a husbandry practicum and must be at least 18 years of age.

SUPERVISORS: Dive Safety Officer