



Thank you for your interest in the Volunteer program at Toronto Zoo.

The Zoo Ambassador Student Volunteer program is for interested applicants enrolled in secondary and post-secondary school on a full-time basis. Zoo Ambassadors lend a hand at a wide variety of special events throughout the year, often operating interactive children's activities, and may also have the opportunity to assist Zoo Kids counsellors during our yearly summer camp. Volunteers do not have any direct contact with the Zoo's animals or plants.

We are looking for Zoo Ambassador Student Volunteers who enjoy working with the public, both children and adults, have good communication skills, and are willing to commit a minimum of 20 hours per year, for two years. A dedication to wildlife and nature, as well as, conservation issues, are pre-requisites.

If you are interested in becoming a Zoo Ambassador Student Volunteer, please complete and return the application form no later than the annual deadline date (the first Friday in January). Successful candidates will be contacted for an interview after this date. Those students selected for the program will attend training and begin volunteering in February of each year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 416-392-5942.

Sincerely,

Kelly Armstrong
Coordinator of Volunteers

ZOO AMBASSADOR VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street & Apt. #) (City/Town) (Postal Code)

Telephone: Home: () _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Are you currently enrolled in a full-time secondary or post-secondary education program? _____

If so, what grade/year did you begin in September 2008? _____

Are you able to commit for a two-year term as a Zoo Ambassador? _____

Are you a Toronto Zoo Member? _____ Membership # _____

If not, would you be willing to join? _____

Have you attended Zoo Camp/Bio Camp? _____ Dates (Year) _____

List languages in which you are conversant. _____

Do you enjoy working with the public and young children? Why or why not? _____

Previous or Present Volunteer Work: _____

List skills or experience you have acquired which may be useful to your work as a Zoo Ambassador.

Why are you interested in being a Zoo Ambassador Volunteer? _____

What does professionalism mean to you? _____

Scenario Question #1: A visitor with an upset 2-year-old approaches you. The child has just dropped his favourite teddy bear in the rhino exhibit. You can easily reach it...what would you do?

Scenario Question # 2: You're on your way to the Indomalaya Touch Table and you see a family feeding the lion-tailed macaques. What would you do?

Please list the names and contact information of 3 references that we may contact (e.g. teacher, employer, coach...). Family members are not acceptable:

1. Name & Relationship _____ Telephone # _____
2. Name & Relationship _____ Telephone # _____
3. Name & Relationship _____ Telephone # _____

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 18): _____

Only applications received by **the first Friday in January** will be considered. Suitable candidates will be contacted for an interview after this date.

Please return to: Volunteer Services – Toronto Zoo
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Scarborough, Ontario, M1B 5K7
Telephone: (416) 392-5942
Fax: (416) 392-5948