

**New York Aquarium Education Department**  
**Docent Application**

Please print or type

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/Pager \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION**

In addition to this information, please feel free to attach a resume

**What is your level of education?**

some high school

high school graduate

some college

associate's degree

bachelor's degree

master's degree

doctorate

other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Experience**

Current Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Job Description \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Experience**

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Duties \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever worked/volunteered for the Wildlife Conservation Society? (y/n) \_\_\_\_

If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_ Which Facility? \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Direct supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

VC \_\_\_\_\_

Date Confirmed \_\_\_\_\_

Interview Date \_\_\_\_\_

Intern (y/n) \_\_\_\_

**REFERENCES**

Please list the names and contact information of two people *not related to you* who you know well and can attest to your character, skill and dependability. If you are still in high school you must also submit a teacher recommendation form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_

**INTEREST SURVEY**

*You must answer these questions in order to be considered for the volunteer program. Please give complete answers. Attach an extra sheet of paper if you feel you need more space.*

Please tell us in your own words why you are interested in volunteering at the New York Aquarium, what you hope to gain from the experience and what you feel you can contribute to our organization.

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How/Where did you hear about our volunteer program? \_\_\_\_\_

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In your opinion, what is the purpose of a zoo or aquarium? \_\_\_\_\_

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How do you feel about animals being kept in an aquarium? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any public speaking experience? If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have experience working with children? If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NEW YORK AQUARIUM**  
**DOCENT PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION FORM**

To be completed by a school faculty member. You may submit an application without this form; however, it must be submitted before you attend training. If you have already graduated, you may omit this form.

**Recommendation for:** \_\_\_\_\_

How would you rate this student's ability to work with the public? Have you observed this student's interpersonal skills?

Does this student have the maturity and responsibility to represent the Aquarium as a Docent? How has he/she demonstrated these qualities in school?

Does this student have a well-developed interest or background in science? What special projects or studies has he/she undertaken?

What other comments can you offer in support of this student's application to become a New York Aquarium Docent?

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to: Volunteer Coordinator, Education Department, New York Aquarium,  
Boardwalk at West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn, NY 11224