

Volunteer Application



Thank you for your interest in volunteering at the Virginia Zoo. To get started, complete this application (please print neatly or type).

Contact Information

First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Middle Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Day Phone: _____
Evening Phone: _____
Email: _____

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

These positions require training and a minimum time commitment of at least 8 hours per month. Please select no more than 2 options and rank in order of preference (i.e. 1st, 2nd). After your application has been processed, you will be contacted regarding the next available training and the basic requirements for the position for which you are applying.

- Education Docent** – Share your passion for animals and the environment with visitors of all ages through presentations, talks, displays and more (age 18 and older)
- Horticulture Volunteer** -- Use your green thumb in our gardens by helping with plant care and landscaping to keep grounds and exhibits spectacular. Some experience and knowledge of gardening is needed. (age 15 and older)
- Junior Docents** – Learn about animals and help share your knowledge with Zoo visitors (ages 13 to 17 – currently this position is filled, but you may add your name to the waiting list)
- Keeper Aide** – Assist zookeepers by cleaning exhibits and helping prepare diets. Contact with animals is extremely limited. (age 18 and older)

Availability—Please check all that apply:

Sun Mon Tues Wed Thur Fri Sat
 Morning Afternoon

One-time Volunteer Opportunities

Most ongoing volunteers are recruited to help with events, and we love support from community volunteers and groups as well. Please let us know if you are interested.

- Special Events Volunteer** – Assist with logistics and staff activities at family friendly special events that are held year round (age 16 and older)

Previous volunteer experience – If you have volunteered for other organizations, please list them:

How did you hear about the Zoo's volunteer program?

Website Newsletter Other: _____

Why do you want to volunteer at the Virginia Zoo?

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Background:

Date of Birth: _____

Education – Please check the highest level completed:

___ High School ___ Some College ___ College ___ Graduate School

Do you have a family member or friends who work or volunteer at the Virginia Zoo? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please tell us who: _____

References – Please list 3:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Relationship: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Relationship: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Work Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please send completed form to Meg Puckett:

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Fax: (757) 625-1061

Mail: 3500 Granby Street, Norfolk, VA 23504

For more information, call (757) 441-2374, ext. 225

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