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John G. Shedd Aquarium Work-Study 2011-2012 APPLICATION

Shedd Aquarium's work-study program for Chicago teens offers a variety of fun and unique paid learning opportunities during the summer or on weekends during the school year. Three categories are available to students: gardening (Green Gardeners); guest experience (Shedd Ambassadors); and interpretation (Young Naturalists). Each opportunity supports the aquarium's mission of connecting people to the living world, inspiring them to make a difference. Applicants should possess or want to develop strong communication skills and a connection to Shedd's collection and mission, and have the desire to work in a team environment interacting with the public.

Green Gardeners

Individuals interested in gardening will work with Shedd's horticulturist to maintain the aquarium's award-winning gardens. These teens will also be given interpretation tools they can use to connect guests to conservation messages and sustainable practices while in the gardens or in the aquarium's exhibits.

Shedd Ambassadors

Individuals interested in the floor operations of an aquarium will work with Shedd's guest experience staff to master unique customer-service techniques incorporating the aquarium's mission in everyday actions. They will gain insight into the professional skills, problem-solving techniques and fast-paced approaches that are needed to ensure a positive guest experience and a fulfilling on-the-job experience.

Young Naturalist

Individuals interested in sharing animal information with guests will work with Shedd's guest engagement staff to learn the art of connecting with guests while in Shedd's exhibits. They will facilitate theme-based interpretation, play engagements and other education experiences.

All students will have the opportunity to work with Shedd staff and interact with other professionals through career workshops, trainings and field trips. Note: Participants will have minimal animal contact.

Please carefully read and complete each section of the application. If you have not included all information on the checklist, we will not be able to process your application.

To apply to the work-study program, you **MUST**

- Be enrolled in high school at the time of the program
- Be 15 years or older (work permit required for 15 year olds)
- Submit completed application

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please write legibly)

Today's date _____

Applicant's name _____
Last First Middle

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Cell phone number _____ Home phone number _____

Please circle the best phone number at which to reach you: Cellular phone / home phone

E-mail _____ Year in school _____ Year of graduation _____

School name _____

School address _____

Please check all programs you are interested in:

Name: _____

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Application checklist: Did you remember to...

- Complete all three pages of this application, including your signature.
- Include a letter of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, or principal.
- Attach a separate sheet of paper with your answer to the essay question.
- Complete the background check form.
(Note: Background checks will only be run if you are selected for the work-study program.)

Signed _____ Date _____

Please return completed form to

Lisa Ostrego
Manager of Volunteer and Teen Programs
Guest Engagement Department
John G. Shedd Aquarium
1200 South Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, IL 60605
Phone: 312-692-2725
E-mail: lostrego@sheddaquarium.org

Applications are now being accepted for spring and summer 2011.

Thank you for applying to Shedd Aquarium's work-study program!

For Shedd use only

Department: _____

Position: _____

Requested by: _____

Date requested: ____/____/____

Date sent to GG ____/____/____

Sent to GG by: _____

Background Investigation Information

(Please print clearly with pen)

Client: John G. Shedd Aquarium

Applicant's name _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Social Security no. ____/____/____ Date of birth ____/____/____

Driver's license or state ID no. _____ State _____ Exp. date ____/____/____

Present address: _____
(House number and street)

(City) (State) (Zip) (How long)

(If present address is less than 5 years, include past addresses to cover 5 years.)

Former address _____
(House number and street)

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Applicant's Statement

This certifies that the above information was completed by me and that all entries and all information are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the John G. Shedd Aquarium and its agents to perform a background inquiry as it pertains to employment and/or volunteer consideration. I authorize a telephonic facsimile (fax) or photocopy of this statement to be accepted with the same authority as the original.

Signature of applicant

Date