



Hello Interested Volunteer Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in the Minnesota Zoo's Volunteer Program! You are on your way to learning about the amazing opportunities available to you as a volunteer at the Minnesota Zoo. The application process is an easy four step process.

1. Essay Questions

Please answer the essay questions below on a separate sheet of paper. Your responses may be typed or handwritten. Each response must be at least 75 words.

1. Describe two of your strengths and talents that you would bring to the Minnesota Zoo Volunteer Program.
2. Why does volunteering at the Minnesota Zoo appeal to you? Why do you want to be part of this program?
3. How do you feel about animals in captivity in a zoo setting?

2. Application Form

Please complete the application form which is page 2 of this attachment. You will bring the completed application form and your answers to the essay questions with you when you schedule an appointment to visit with someone in the Volunteer Office at the Zoo.

3. Recommendation

Please print a copy of the Recommendation Form on page 3 of this attachment and follow the specific instructions on the Recommendation Form.

4. Call to Schedule an Interview Time

Please call 952-431-9588 to schedule an appointment with the Volunteer Office at your earliest convenience.

If you have questions, please call or email.

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Adult Recommendation Form
Return to Zoo Volunteer Office within two weeks of receipt

ATTENTION APPLICANT: Put your name on this form (below) and give it to someone who will write a personal reference for you. This person cannot be related to you. When you give this form to them, include a stamped envelope addressed to the zoo. Ask them to fill out and mail this form to the Zoo within two weeks of receipt. Applications without a reference will not be considered. Applicant—please print the following information

Applicant's Name _____ **Phone #** _____

Address _____ **City/Zip** _____

ATTENTION REFERENCE GIVER: The applicant above is applying for a volunteer position at the Minnesota Zoo. We appreciate your candid responses, which will be kept confidential. Thank you for your time and assistance. If you have any questions regarding this form or our programs, please call the Volunteer Office at 952-431-9588.

Please complete and return to: Minnesota Zoo Volunteer Program, 13000 Zoo Boulevard, Apple Valley, MN 55124

Please Print

Recommended by _____

Relationship to the applicant _____

How long have you known the applicant _____

Is this person reliable? _____ Is this person able to work independently? _____

Please rate his/her oral communications skills? ___Below Average ___Average ___Good

Please rate his/her willingness and ability to learn new information

___Below Average ___Average ___Good

How would the Minnesota Zoo Volunteer Program benefit from having the applicant represent the Minnesota Zoo as a Volunteer? Feel free to use the back side of this reference form.

Would you recommend this applicant with ___confidence ___some confidence ___reservation

Thank you for taking the time to complete this reference
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