

NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN



Norfolk Botanical Garden Volunteer Services
Volunteer Position/Program Description
Program Title: **WOW Leaders in Training**
(Ages 14-17)

Purpose: Norfolk Botanical Garden's WOW Leaders in Training Program allows teens between the ages of 14-17 the opportunity to learn about nature, gain leadership skills, make new friends, and earn volunteer hours for college applications and resumes.

Location: Norfolk Botanical Garden ~ 6700 Azalea Garden Road ~ Norfolk, VA ~ 23518

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- ❖ Greet guests and provide general information about the WOW Children's Garden and Norfolk Botanical Garden.
- ❖ Set up and teach Discovery Cart activities at various locations throughout the WOW Children's Garden under supervision of WOW education staff.
- ❖ Support a clean and safe environment through light indoor and outdoor cleaning and activity preparation.
- ❖ Assist Youth Education staff as they lead classes and programs.
- ❖ Assist NBG Horticultural staff in WOW by occasionally performing essential garden maintenance such as weeding, pruning, dead-heading, planting, watering, mulching and debris clean up.

Reports to: WOW Children's Garden Supervisor

Time Commitment: At volunteer's or Education Staff's discretion

Qualifications

For this position, the candidate must:

- ❖ Pay a \$20 fee which covers t-shirt, badge and training session expenses.

Equipment Used/Provided: Nature-based materials, craft supplies, cleaning supplies, and other education props in use in the Children's Garden. Basic garden tools and implements such as trowels, rakes, pruning shears, etc., for horticulturally-based activities.

Physical and Environmental Conditions:

- ❖ **Auditory:** Able participate in verbal conversations with guests and staff.
- ❖ **Visual:** Able to read information to supplement discovery boxes and learning stations.
- ❖ **Environmental:** This is primarily an **outdoor** opportunity that experiences frequent exposure to direct sunlight, high heat, humidity, cold and mild inclement weather such as a light rain. Volunteers are encouraged to wear appropriate attire. Occasional inside tasks are asked of volunteers.
- ❖ **Physical:** Standing, walking and moving throughout shift; closed-toed shoes are required. Certain learning activities and cleaning tasks require bending, kneeling, reaching overhead. Horticultural consist of **physically demanding, outdoor manual labor** that requires frequent standing, walking, bending, stooping and pulling.