



2021 SUMMER DOCENT PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in our Summer Docent Program. This program is open to students entering 7th-12th grades in the fall of 2021. We are planning for these programs to be 100% virtual. We will stay flexible with the hope that we may be able to add in some optional, safe, on-site activities as the program dates near. The program dates and times listed below will not change. Any optional, additional experiences planned will be scheduled at a later date.

We offer two programs: Junior High Docents and Senior High Docents. After acceptance and training the docents will provide educational projects and lead virtual tours, summer camp classes or experiences.

Senior High Program Dates 6/14/21 - 7/9/21:

Training week: 6/14 - 6/18 (Mon-Fri, 1pm-2:30pm MANDATORY)

For the next 3 weeks, docents will choose at least 1-2 volunteer dates/times/per week. Volunteer times will be either 10-11:30am or 1pm-2:30pm Tue - Fri

Class Prep: 6/22 – 7/2

Create videos, games, art activities, tank talks, demos, do it do it's, interactions and experiences for the class you are teaching

Virtual Class Teaching 7/6 - 7/9

You and your volunteer group teach a 1 hour class during your volunteer day/time

Junior High Program Dates: 7/19/21 - 8/13/21

Training week: 7/19 - 7/23 (Mon-Fri, 1pm-2:30pm MANDATORY)

For the next 3 weeks, docents will choose at least 1-2 volunteer dates/times/per week. Volunteer times will be either 10-11:30am or 1pm-2:30pm Tue - Fri

Class Prep: 7/27 – 8/6

Create videos, games, art activities, tank talks, demos, do it do it's, interactions and experiences for the class you are teaching

Virtual Class Teaching 8/10 - 8/13

You and your volunteer group teach a 1 hour class during your volunteer day/time

Training is MANDATORY for returning and new docents – no exceptions.

Training is very important in ensuring a successful and enjoyable experience as a Summer Docent. **All docents must attend each full day of training.**

Seventy (70) students will be accepted into each of the two Aquarium Docent sessions



PROGRAM FEES

The fee for the Summer Docent program is \$50.00. Program fees cover training materials, T-shirt and name badge. Scholarships are available and may be requested upon acceptance. **DO NOT send money with your application.** Fees will be collected upon acceptance into the program.

INTERVIEWS & ACCEPTANCE

All applicants must participate in the interview process – no exceptions.

All applicants will be notified of acceptance within 3 weeks after the interview is conducted.

Applicants will be contacted in May for an interview appointment.

REGISTERING WITH THE CITY

All docents are registered as volunteers with the City of Los Angeles and are subject to a background check that includes fingerprinting. Instruction will be provided upon acceptance.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are applying for the **Senior High Program**. You must be going into the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade in the fall of 2021.

- 1. Complete the attached application
- 2. Include your personal resume.
- 3. Have a teacher fill out and email to Floyd the "*Teacher Reference Form*".
- 4. Include a one-sided, one-page **"How can you help promote environmental education and train our next generation of scientists to be better environmental stewards."**

If you are applying for the **Junior High Program**. You must be going into the 7th, 8th, or 9th grade in the fall of 2021.

- 1. Complete the attached application.
- 2. Include your personal resume.
- 3. Have a teacher fill out and email to Floyd the "*Teacher Reference Form*".
- 4. Include a one-sided, one-page **"How can you help promote environmental education and train our next generation of scientists to be better environmental stewards."**

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:00 PM Friday, April 23, 2021

ALL FOUR (4) ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER via email

To Apply for the Summer Docent Program:

Email-packets to:

Floyd Anderson, Volunteer Coordinator

Floyd.anderson@lacity.org

