



**Florida Museum of Natural History**  
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Dear Prospective Junior Volunteer,

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at the Florida Museum of Natural History this summer. The junior volunteer program offers a variety of service opportunities for 12 to 17 year-olds, all of which are designed to be educational and fun while enhancing the experiences of our visitors and/or supporting research.

Qualifications for the program include interest in or experience with science, history, nature, service, and/or working with children. ***New applicants are required to interview.*** Consideration is given to the maturity of the volunteer and his/her ability to confidently interact with the public and staff, especially in the case of 12 year-old volunteers. Multiple behavior issues may result in immediate dismissal from the program, so applicants must be prepared to follow directions and cooperate at all times.

**The program is very popular; unfortunately, all applicants cannot be accepted.**

To be considered for acceptance into the program, please submit the entire application, which must be postmarked or hand delivered **by April 5, 2013 before 5:00 p.m.** *Everyone, even former and current volunteers, must submit the 2013 application* to be considered for the summer program.

Please note that this year we are implementing a registration fee for all participants accepted into the Junior Volunteer program. The registration fee is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. The registration fee is only for individuals that have been accepted into the program and therefore does NOT need to accompany your completed application. If accepted, methods of payment will be noted in your acceptance letter and will need to be paid before the June 2 training. Scholarships are available.

**Important Dates:**

- **April 5 – Deadline for submission of all applications**
- **April 27-28 – Interviews for all new applicants**
- **May 13-17 - Acceptance letters and placement/schedules mailed**
- **June 2 – Mandatory training for all junior volunteers**
- **June 10 – Program begins (individual start dates will vary)**
- **August 9 – Program ends (individual end dates will vary); Party/Awards, 5:30-7:30 pm**

Email confirmation of receipt of your application and an interview appointment will be sent no later than April 8. Questions? Please contact me at [ahester@flmnh.ufl.edu](mailto:ahester@flmnh.ufl.edu) or (352) 273-2055.

Sincerely,

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