

Young Curator Application – Fall 2017

Important! Applications **must** be filled out (*by hand*) by the **individual** applying for the position. If modifications to this policy are needed, please contact the Education Department to make arrangements.
(Please Print Clearly!)

Application Checklist – Due by August 25, 2017

- Completed Application Form (2 pages, plus essays)
- Permission Slip and Photo Release (1 page)
- Two Letters of Recommendation for new Nature Center volunteers (*Should be written by teachers or other adults - not your relatives; Letters not required for previous Young Naturalists*)

General Information

Name: _____ Goes By: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Guardian's Cell/Work Phone: _____

Additional Phones: _____
(Number and Location/Type)

Applicant's Email Address (required): _____

Email Address of Guardian(s) (required): _____

Names of Parents/Guardians: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Current Grade: _____ School: _____

Contact in case of emergency: _____
(Name) (Phone)

(Address) (Relationship)

Can your family provide transportation to and from the Nature Center? Yes No

Have you previously volunteered as a Young Naturalist? Yes No

List any medication(s) you are currently taking: _____

Do you suffer from allergic reactions? Yes No If so, to what: _____

Do you have any special needs? _____ If so, please list so we may assist you _____

Short Essay Questions:

Each of the following questions *must be answered on lined paper in your own handwriting. Each answer should be about half a page in length.* Be certain to identify which question you are addressing when writing your answers.

1. **Why do you want to be a part of the Young Curator program and what do you hope to gain? If you've been a part of the program before, why do you want to be a part of the program again and what would you still like to learn?**
2. **What do you want to be when you grow up? Why?**
3. **Young Curators will be required to pay close attention to detail, follow directions and work independently on assigned tasks. Can you describe an example of a time when you demonstrated these traits?**
4. **If we were going to add an *exotic* animal to the Nature Center collection, which animal would you choose? Why?**

Availability

The Fall Young Curator Program will run from **12 pm – 4 pm on Saturdays, Sept. 9 to Dec. 2, 2017**

Are you willing and able to commit to at least 10 weeks during this time frame? Yes No

I understand that in signing this application:

- a. I have read the attached information, and I agree to be guided by the rules and regulations of the Western North Carolina Nature Center and the Young Curator Program.
- b. I affirm that the applicant has provided the information on this form and the information is true, correct and complete.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Please submit all application materials (*two application pages, letters of recommendation if necessary, and permission sheet*) no later than **Friday, August 25, 2017** at 4:30 pm to:

Lauren Pyle
WNC Nature Center
75 Gashes Creek Road
Asheville, NC 28805

or

lpyle@ashevollenc.gov
FAX: 298-2644

Permission, Liability Release, and Indemnification Agreement

1. I, the undersigned, am a natural parent or legal guardian of (name of dependent) _____ (hereby referred to as the "child"), and declare that I am of sound mind. I understand the nature of the Young Curator Program (hereby referred to as the "Program") and the activities involved and hereby grant permission for my child to voluntarily participate in the Program at the Western North Carolina Nature Center (hereby referred to as the "Nature Center"). I understand that my child will receive training to participate in the Program and will be required to agree that he/she completely understands and will abide by the duties, rules and procedures of the Program. I understand that my child will not always be under direct staff supervision while participating in the Program. I consent to this and the following: My child will not be supervised once his/her volunteer shift ends each time he/she participates in the Program. I understand that my child, as a minor under 16 years of age, may not be on the Nature Center grounds without the accompaniment of an adult other than a Nature Center staff member unless my child is volunteering. To insure the safety of my child before and after his/her shifts, I agree to arrange to have my child dropped off immediately before his/her volunteer shifts begin and picked up directly after his/her shifts end.

2. I, for myself and my child, do hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Western North Carolina Nature Center, its employees, officers, agents and representatives from any liability whatsoever resulting from my child's actions, activity, or injury while involved in the Program and while on the Nature Center grounds before and after his/her involvement in the Program (except for activity that involves negligence or intentional and malicious actions on the part of the Nature Center staff).

3. I expressly agree that this Permission, Liability Release, and Indemnification Agreement shall be interpreted as releasing the City of Asheville and the Western North Carolina Nature Center, its employees, officers, agents and representatives, from all liability and claims to the fullest extent allowed by law in the state of North Carolina.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

PHOTO / MEDIA RELEASE for WNC Nature Center

Name of Child: _____
Last First MI

I DO _____ I DO NOT _____ Give permission to have my child's FACE appear in any media coverage approved by the Program.

I DO _____ I DO NOT _____ Give permission to have my child's NAME appear in any media coverage approved by the Program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____