

Zooteen Program

Department of Education

Applicants!

- Give this form to your science teacher (present or recent past) and ask him or her to complete it as soon as possible and mail it to the Montgomery Zoo Department of Education.
- Deadlines:
 - Session 1
Thursday
February 23, 2006
 - Session 2
Wednesday
April 20, 2006
 - Session 3
Thursday
July 27, 2006
 - Session 4
Thursday
October 26, 2006
By 4:30 pm for all
- *No applications will be reviewed without this form and another letter of reference.*
- Be sure to thank your teacher!!

Science Teacher Reference Form

Student's Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

School: _____

School Phone Number: _____

Evening Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

The applicant you are referring is applying to the Montgomery Zoo / Mann Museum Zooteen Program: a year long program for teenagers who show a genuine interest in animals and the environment. The students we select must show the desire and ability to teach others and commit to an intense training course, eight hours a month of dedicated service to the department of education and two full weeks in the summer as a counselor for summer campers. The focus of the work is public education. Although Zooteens are trained to handle selected animals, they will not spend a majority of their time in direct animal contact. The majority of their time will be spent interacting with the zoo visitors. The Zooteen Program must be the student's number one extracurricular priority for the entire year.

We would appreciate your candid responses concerning this applicant and would like to assure you that all of the information you provide will be kept confidential. If you have any questions regarding the program, please feel free to contact Jennifer Murphy, Curator of Education at (334) 240-4909. Thank You for your valuable time and assistance. This program is very important to us and your comments aid us in selecting a diverse and committed group of students.

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When did you last teach this student? _____

In what capacity and for how long have you known this student? _____

Which best describes the applicant's relationship with his or her peers?

Shows leadership _____ Reserved _____ Is easily accepted by peers _____ Prefers to be alone _____

Please explain your choice _____

Do you know of any special interests, qualities, abilities, or experiences of this applicant which would be helpful for us to know about? _____

Please Evaluate the Student

Scale: 1=Outstanding 2=Excellent 3=Good 4=Average 5=Fair 6=Below Average U=Unknown

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
COMMON SENSE	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
CREATIVITY	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
DEPENDABILITY	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
REGARD TO AUTHORITY	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
COOPERATION	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
ABILITY TO FOLLOW DIRECTIONS	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
BEHAVIOR IN A GROUP	1	2	3	4	5	6	U

I recommend this student to the Montgomery Zoo / Mann Museum Zooteen Program:

With great enthusiasm _____ With confidence _____ With some confidence _____

With reservation _____ I do not recommend _____ (please list reservations below)

Additional Comments: _____

Teacher's Signature: _____


