

2017-2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Apply today to become part of Dallas Arboretum's Teen Leadership Council. This program has a commitment for one school year, beginning in August 2017 and ending in May 2018.

The mission of the Teen Leadership Council is to develop a dedicated team of teen leaders who volunteer their time and efforts to support the Dallas Arboretum.

Teen Leadership Council members go above and beyond leading other teen volunteers and raising awareness within their school and community. Students enhance their interpersonal and leadership skills while volunteering in a fun, hands on environment!

When submitting the application, please make sure that you have enclosed the following items:

- Signed copy of application
 - Including participation release and short answer
- Reference letter

Applications will be reviewed based on answers submitted as well as in the interest of creating a well balanced, diverse membership.

Return all application materials by **June 30th** in person or by mail to:

Lauren Ceckowski
Volunteer Office
Dallas Arboretum
8525 Garland Rd
Dallas, TX 75218

You will receive word on the status of your application via email. For questions or more information, please contact Lauren Ceckowski at 214.515.6561 or lceckowski@dallasarboretum.org

The mission of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden is to build and maintain a public garden and arboretum which promotes the art, enjoyment, and knowledge of horticulture, while providing opportunities for education and research.

The first mandatory meeting will be held on Thursday, August 3rd

MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

Active Teen Leadership Council members are required to:

- Serve as a leader to other student volunteers at the Dallas Arboretum
- Be knowledgeable about the inner workings of the Volunteer Office as well as the Dallas Arboretum as a whole
- Assist the Volunteer Coordinator during individual volunteer shifts in The Children's Garden
- Attend at least 3 out of 4 general meetings each school year
- Organize a group of at least 10 volunteers for three shifts during the school year (one per festival) and act as lead for your group. This is a great opportunity to get your family and friends involved!
- Actively promote the Dallas Arboretum and its volunteer opportunities
- Individually volunteer a total of 35 hours (This includes general meetings, but does not include assigned group volunteer dates)

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

First & Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____ School: _____

Grade in 2017/2018 School Year: _____ T-shirt Size: _____ Birthday: _____

I submit that all the provided information is true and current to the best of my abilities. I understand that my participation in Teen Leadership Council includes abiding by all membership guidelines over the course of the 2017-2018 school year to maintain active status.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

GENERAL LIABILITY AND PARTICIPATION RELEASE

Applicant's First & Last Name: _____

Parent/ Emergency Information

First & Last Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Company & Occupation(s): _____

Photo Release

I GIVE MY PERMISSION TO USE MY LIKENESS IN ANY PUBLIC RELATIONS MATERIALS FOR THE PROMOTION OF DALLAS ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL SOCIETY.

General Release

I AGREE TO, AND DO HEREBY KNOWINGLY RELEASE, ABSOLVE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS, DALLAS ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL SOCIETY, ITS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, AND ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND VOLUNTEERS, BOTH JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY, FROM ALL CLAIMS THAT MIGHT RESULT FROM ANY ACCIDENT, PERSONAL INJURY, ILLNESS AND/OR DEATH TO THE UNDERSIGNED, OR FROM ANY DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF ANY PROPERTY OF THE UNDERSIGNED, WHETHER OR NOT SUCH ACCIDENT, PERSONAL INJURY, ILLNESS, DEATH, DAMAGE OR LOSS ARISES FROM THE SOLE AND/OR CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PERSON OR ENTITY RELEASED HEREIN.

Applicant Signature for all items above: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature for all above items: _____ Date: _____

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Please answer each of the following questions. This is to help us better get to know you. This portion of the application should be **typed**. You should be creative and concise in your responses.

Please remember that we are looking for applicants who have an understanding of what the Dallas Arboretum has to offer, as well as a willingness to learn. If you have not already done so, please visit our website to learn a little bit more about volunteering with the Dallas Arboretum at DallasArboretum.org.

We will also use these responses during our first general meeting to create goals for the upcoming year!

NEW TLC MEMBER QUESTIONS:

1. What do you hope to gain from your participation with Teen Leadership Council?
2. List high school and/or community activities that you have been involved in or are currently involved in. What was your most rewarding experience and why?
3. What qualities do you believe make a great leader? Please provide a personal experience or an example of a situation that exemplify outstanding leadership skills.

RETURNING TLC MEMBER QUESTIONS:

1. What did you learn from your previous experience with Teen Leadership Council?
2. What are your goals for the upcoming Teen Leadership Council season?
3. What was the most rewarding experience from participating with Teen Leadership Council?