

If you have previous volunteer experience, please include a volunteer reference.

3. Name _____ Relationship _____
Email _____ Phone _____

I am interested in the following areas:

- Walking Tours
- Cart Tours
- Community Outreach
- Stations
- Gardening
- Special Events
- Other: _____

I have experience in the following areas:

- Clerical/Office Work
- Computers/Databases
- CPR/First Aid
- Foreign Language _____
- Grant Writing
- Teaching (grade level & subject) _____
- Public Speaking
- Other _____

Do you understand that in order to become an active volunteer, you must provide the Oakland Zoo with evidence of a current negative TB test (or chest x-ray) and/or tetanus shot? This must be provided prior to beginning your volunteer service. TB test must have been done within the last 12 months and tetanus must have been done within the last 7-10 years.

_____ Yes _____ No

The Oakland Zoo's Docent Training Program is a major time commitment for training and participation. It also requires that you be willing to support the educational goals of the Zoo. Please provide complete answers to the following questions.

1. How did you learn about our Docent Program? Why did you choose the Oakland Zoo for your volunteer service?

2. What is your training and background? Please include any specific education and work experience.

3. Have you volunteered at the Oakland Zoo before? _____Yes _____ No
If yes, in what capacity and when?

4. Do you have previous docent or volunteer experience? _____Yes _____ No
If yes, please describe where, for how long, and your responsibilities.

5. Is obtaining full-time employment at the Oakland Zoo your goal? _____Yes _____ No

The mission of the Oakland Zoo is to inspire respect for and stewardship of the natural world while providing a quality visitor experience.

If you choose to complete the Docent Training Program and pass a cumulative exam, you will become a member of the Docent Council. There are many other programs for Docents to participate in that may require extra training (i.e. animal handling, behavior observations, theater, etc.).

Active Oakland Zoo Docents shall:

- Successfully complete the Docent training course (fee)
- Serve a minimum of 70 hours each academic year
- One-year minimum commitment is required
- Maintain current membership in the Conservation Society of California
- Pay all required dues to the Docent Council
- Upon completion of training, Docents will commit to a specific day of service
- Complete at least 4 credits of approved continuing education each academic year
- Provide visitors accurate information, and treat them with courtesy and respect
- Be dependable and meet scheduled commitments
- Comply with all of the Docent Council by-laws, policies, and procedures

I certify that the information given on this application is correct and accurate. I understand that any falsification or misrepresentation of this or any other personal record will disqualify me from consideration or participation in the Oakland Zoo's volunteer programs. I understand that my ability to volunteer is dependent upon a background check and I agree to abide by all present and subsequently issued rules of the Oakland Zoo.

**** Please note that Docents do not work directly with animals without meeting further time and training requirements. ****

Applicant's Signature

Date

Please submit via mail, email, or fax to:

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