Teen Wild Guide Program Application

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Please turn in together:
This Application completed in full
One 500-800 word essay
Two letters of recommendation from adults other than a relative

NAME_________________________________    AGE_____________  GENDER pref.___________

SCHOOL NAME____________________________________        GRADE you are in now:

DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YY)____________________  8th  9th  10th  11th  12th

MAILING ADDRESS________________________________

PHONE NUMBERS:
Home: __________________________
Work: _________________________
Cell Phones: ____________________

EMAIL ADDRESS____________________________________

ESSAY

On a separate page, please answer the following questions in one 500-800 word essay:

1. Why do you want to be a Teen Wild Guide at the Oakland Zoo's Valley Children's Zoo?
2. What do you wish to gain from your experience as a Teen Wild Guide?
3. Why would you be an excellent Teen Wild Guide?

Can you commit to volunteering one shift/week (summer session) or two shifts/month (school year session)?

Yes ___ No ___  If no, please explain_________________________________________________________

Will you have reliable transportation to/from the zoo? Yes _______ No _______
If no, please explain:
Activities Interests & Hobbies

At school:

Away from School:

How long do you see yourself participating in the TWG program? Long-term or short-term?

Please describe any previous experience you have had as a volunteer.

By applying for a position as a Teen Wild Guide and being accepted into the program, I understand that I am/my teen is:

1. Being asked to interview with a representative of the program to answer my questions and be asked questions, after which I may or may not be accepted into the program. I can also decide at that time that I do not want to participate in the program.
2. Required to pay a non-refundable $80 fee if I am accepted into the program ($60 if I am a Zoo Member).
3. Expected to complete all required training.
4. Expected to volunteer a minimum of one full-day shift/week for the summer session, or two full-day shifts/month for the school year session.
5. Expected to have a current TB test completed and provide proof of clearance before beginning to volunteer.
6. Expected to have received a COVID-19 vaccination with at least 1 booster and provide proof of such before beginning to volunteer.

Teen Signature_______________________________________________   Date_________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature______________________________      _   Date_________________________