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## **Youth Volunteer Information**

In an effort to accommodate the increasing need for youth to engage with community organizations by providing volunteer services, the Detroit Historical Society is proud to introduce its formal Youth Volunteer information sheet! Here you will find everything you need to know about onboarding for youth volunteering, Society expectations and what you can expect from our Volunteer Program.

Youth volunteers are anyone under eighteen (18) years of age wishing to donate some of their time for a specific public program or event, on a one-time basis or for a maximum number of hours (average between 8-40 hours). Youth volunteers provide support on a case-by-case basis, assisting with various projects i.e. clerical, public programming/events. Long-term goals of youth volunteers may include earning up to 200 hours for college applications, fun, safe and engaging opportunities to learn more about their local communities, networking, career shadowing for early college programs and much more!

While most youth volunteers donate their time for a variety of reasons, youth volunteers benefit from this opportunity because it provides a behind-the-scenes way to learn more about the Volunteer Program through minimal obligation.

### **Applicant Criteria:**

- Complete and submit a volunteer application along with a letter of recommendation from a teacher;
- All volunteers under age 18, must have parent/guardian complete and submit a Parental Consent Form;
- Commit to completing tasks to the best of his or her ability in the time allotted, specifically honoring pre-determined scheduling;
- Honors youth labor laws enforced by the State of Michigan for all persons under the age of 18;
- Is practical, personable and professional at all times.

### **Student Volunteer Guidelines:**

- All applicant paperwork must be completed before volunteer placement can be confirmed. Allow three (3) days for application processing and placement. Please keep in mind that youth volunteer requests given on short notice decrease the Volunteer & HR Coordinator's chances of creating placement;
- Volunteers must attend a 30-minute orientation with the Volunteer Coordinator;
- Volunteers must adhere to all Society volunteer policies and procedures;

- Volunteers must complete assignment before verification of hours or extra credit paperwork is signed or completed by Volunteer & HR Coordinator.

The Detroit Historical Society is excited to begin this path of volunteering with the youth of our community! We look forward to working with you to create a path of hard work and great rewards so complete and submit your online application today!