



## Youth Volunteer Program 2024 Application Form

### Instructions:

For each question below, please read the prompt carefully and provide complete answers in the space provided. You may use a separate sheet of paper for your answers if you prefer.

Eligible applicants must be at least 13 years of age on 06/01/2024. Applicants under age 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign the Parent/Guardian Consent Form below.

In addition to the completed application form, please submit:

- An essay expanding on why you want to volunteer at the Garden (500 words maximum)
- A reference letter from an adult other than a parent or guardian

Completed applications can be submitted via email or mail:

Email: [education@hsvbg.org](mailto:education@hsvbg.org)

Mail: Huntsville Botanical Garden

Attention: Youth Volunteer Program

4747 Bob Wallace Avenue

Huntsville, AL 35805

NAME		DATE	
ADDRESS			
CITY		STATE	ZIP
HOME PHONE		CELL PHONE	
EMAIL		DATE OF BIRTH	
PARENT (GUARDIAN) NAME		PARENT (GUARDIAN) EMAIL	



Gender: (This information is used only for funding purposes and will not impact the applicant's acceptance into the program.)

- Male
- Female
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

Race: (This information is used only for funding purposes and will not impact the applicant's acceptance into the program.)

- Hispanic or Latino
- White
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Asian
- Native American or Alaska Native
- Two or more races
- Prefer not to answer

How did you hear about the Youth Volunteer Program?

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Have you participated in the Youth Volunteer Program in the past?

- Yes
- No
- No, but I have applied

### **Education**

School Currently Attending:

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Grade Level in 2022-2023 School Year: \_\_\_\_\_



**Volunteer/Employment History**

Please list any previous work or volunteer experience

Employer/Organization	Position Held	Date(s)

Why do you want to volunteer with the Youth Volunteer Program at the Garden?

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What qualities or characteristics do you have that would make you a great youth volunteer?

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Tell us about a time that you followed through with something and stayed committed even though you did not want to finish it.

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Tell us something you are passionate about.

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What excites you most about working outdoors?

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Do you have any other commitments this summer that limit your availability?

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T-shirt Size (Please indicate Youth or Adult): \_\_\_\_\_

Which youth volunteer areas interest you? (You may select more than one)

Plant Sciences (Formerly Horticulture/Greenhouse)

Youth Education

Plant Conservation and Curation



Do you understand that the Youth Volunteer Program takes place at the Garden and that transportation will not be provided?

- Yes
- No

Do you understand that this opportunity requires completing a minimum of 30 volunteer hours from late May 2024 to end of July 2024?

- Yes
- No

I understand that acceptance as a youth volunteer 18 years of age or older with the Huntsville Botanical Garden is contingent upon the successful completion of a criminal background check. I agree to provide a personal email address, which will be submitted to the Huntsville Botanical Garden HR department for the completion of a criminal background check.

- I agree
- I disagree
- I am not 18 years of age or older

Email address for Background Check if 18 years or older:

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It is the policy of the Huntsville Botanical Garden to provide equal employment and volunteer opportunities (EEO) to all persons regardless of age, race, color, ancestry, national origin, mental or physical disability or medical condition, race, religion, creed, gender, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local law.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Parent/Guardian Consent Form (Applicants under 18 years of age only)**

We value your child’s intention to become a volunteer at the Huntsville Botanical Garden and appreciate your support of your child’s commitment.

I understand that voluntary services rendered to the Huntsville Botanical Garden are not compensated. I release the Huntsville Botanical Garden from any liability or responsibility for any personal injury my child might sustain in the performance of voluntary services.

All applications will be reviewed without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, citizenship, age, disability, marital status, or any other basis prohibited by law. I am aware my child must agree to follow all of the garden’s guidelines and policies and be aware that the garden has the right to release my child from the Garden’s service at any time, just as he or she has the right to withdraw from volunteering.

I, being the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
(the child) give my consent and permission for the child to volunteer at the Huntsville Botanical Garden.

**Photo Release**

During the course of the Youth Volunteer Program, Huntsville Botanical Garden may wish to use photographs of camp participants on bulletin boards, in educational publications or in general media releases on a controlled basis. Any such photographs would highlight the participant(s) either demonstrating learning techniques or participating in approved Youth Volunteer Program activities. In accordance with Huntsville Botanical Garden policy, names of individual participants will not be released with any photographs.

\_\_\_\_ I/We consent to the use of my child’s image; such use may include all Huntsville Botanical Garden Publications (print, online, video, etc.). Such photographs would highlight the Youth Volunteer Program participants either demonstrating learning techniques or participating in approved camp/garden activities.

\_\_\_\_ I/We DO NOT consent to the use of my child’s image ever; this use includes all Huntsville Botanical Garden Publications (print, online, video, etc.),

**Parent/Legal Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_