



EdVenture Children's Museum Presents: The 2012 Museum Apprentice Program

What is EdVenture's Museum Apprentice Program (MAP)?

The MAP is a 9-month long opportunity for youth, ages 12-16, to learn valuable work and life skills through volunteer service here at EdVenture Children's Museum. MAP participants shadow museum staff and work independently on a variety of projects while taking part in monthly career explorations designed to survey professions outside of the museum (with a focus on science-related careers). In addition to activities at EdVenture, participants in the MAP are invited to Engage Your Community Saturdays to explore Columbia's unique offerings in the arts, the outdoors and in local industry. There is no cost to participate and all are welcome to apply.

What are the requirements to participate in the Museum Apprentice Program?

All interested youth must fill out an application, which includes an evaluation form for a teacher of your choice to complete (multiple evaluation forms will be considered but only one is required). Applications should be dropped off at or mailed to EdVenture Children's Museum and teacher evaluation forms must be sent in directly by the teacher. The top 20 applicants for the program will be selected to participate based on the strength of their application and teacher recommendation. Involvement in the MAP requires participants to volunteer for at least one, four hour shift per month for the entire length of the program and attend at least 8 of the 9 monthly meetings that will be held on the first Monday of every month (except in the case of a holiday- a list of scheduled meetings and events will be provided at the start of the program).

Important Dates

- **Monday, January 23, 2012 at 6:30 PM**– MAP Information Meeting for interested students, parents and school faculty/staff.
- **Monday, February 13, 2012 at 6:30PM** – MAP Information Meeting for interested students, parents and school faculty/staff.
- **Monday, February 27, 2012 at 6:30PM** - MAP Information Meeting for interested students, parents and school faculty/staff.
- **Friday, March 16, 2012** – All applications due by 5PM.
- **Monday, March 26, 2012 at 6:30PM** – MAP Orientation. Attendance of participants and their parent(s) or guardian(s) is required.
- **Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 9AM until 3PM** – MAP Training Day. This all day event will be the main training for the 2012 MAP and attendance is required.
- **Monday, April 2 at 6:30 PM** – The first official meeting of the MAP! We will meet every month on the first Monday at 6:30PM.

If you have any questions, please contact Charlie Walters at 803-400-1163.



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Directions: Please be sure to answer all questions and return completed application to the MAP Coordinator by mail or in person to EdVenture Children's Museum.

Please Print or Type

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____ Birth date: ____ / ____ / ____

School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Grade: _____ Guidance Counselor: _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	Work Phone	Home Phone	Cell Phone
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

List any extracurricular activities in which you are involved or any interests you have:



Rate yourself on the following topics

Please check the choices that apply to you.

Ability to make good choices
___ Good ___ Great ___ Outstanding

Communication Skills
___ Good ___ Great ___ Outstanding

Leadership potential
___ Good ___ Great ___ Outstanding

Ability to work with others
___ Good ___ Great ___ Outstanding

Positive attitude
___ Good ___ Great ___ Outstanding

Creativity
___ Good ___ Great ___ Outstanding

Would you be willing to work any special events outside of the museum hours? _____

Short Answer

Please respond to the following question in the lines provided below. Your response should be neatly written or typed. If you need more space please attach an additional sheet of paper.

Why do you want to participate in the Museum Apprentice Program?





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Essay Question

Please answer **one** of the two questions listed below. Each response should be at least a paragraph neatly written or typed.

- 1) What do you feel are your best qualities? Why?
- 2) Do you have anybody that you look up to? What is it about this person that you admire?

Teacher Evaluation Form

Enclosed is a teacher evaluation form. Please ask one of your teachers to complete this form and send it directly to us here at EdVenture. Your application will not be processed until we receive this form.

Student and Parent Agreement:

I, _____, agree to commit to one year of service at EdVenture Children's Museum. I agree to volunteer for at least one 4 hour shift per month, attend mandatory monthly meetings, and arrive on time for my shifts, except in unforeseen circumstances. I understand that if I fail to meet these requirements, I may not be eligible for continued involvement with the program.

As a parent or guardian, I understand that my child needs my consent and involvement to be a productive MAP participant. I will do my best to ensure that my child meets all the requirements of the position including regular attendance and adherence to EdVenture Children's Museum policies and procedures. I give permission for my child to participate in all program-sponsored activities including volunteer orientations, small group discussions, and social outings.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Office Use Only: Date Received _____

Teacher Evaluation Form

The student, from whom you have received this evaluation form, is an applicant of EdVenture's Museum Apprentice Program. This evaluation will aid us in our consideration of the applicant and, should they be accepted into the program, in helping to provide them with an experience geared towards their individual needs. This evaluation will remain completely confidential, so please answer the following questions as directly as possible. The student's application will remain pending until we receive this evaluation. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration!

Student's Name _____ Date _____

Teacher's Name _____ School _____

Phone _____ Email _____

1. Would you recommend this student as someone who would benefit from a program that requires a minimum of 4 volunteer hours per month, monthly training, job shadowing and career exploration?

2. On a scale of 1-5 (1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest), please rate this student on the following:

A. Ability to Follow Instructions	1	2	3	4	5
B. Tact	1	2	3	4	5
C. Emotional Balance	1	2	3	4	5
D. Trustworthiness	1	2	3	4	5
E. Work Ethic	1	2	3	4	5
F. Ability to Follow Through	1	2	3	4	5
G. Curiosity	1	2	3	4	5
H. Desire to Learn	1	2	3	4	5
I. Dependability	1	2	3	4	5

3. Does anything come to mind that you feel this student would benefit from in a structured environment outside of school? _____

4. Additional Comments _____

Please mail this confidential evaluation and any additional comments to:
MAP Coordinator

EdVenture Children's Museum
211 Gervais St.
Columbia, SC 29201