



Conservation Teen Scientist (CTS) Application Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in Zoo Miami Foundation/ Zoo Miami. As a CTS member, you are about to begin an educational work experience that will be significant in the preparation of a future career.

Please note that in order to be eligible to apply to the CTS program, you must be in grades 9th-12th and/or be at least 14 years old by the start of the program in January. Richmond Heights Middle School Zoo Magnet students in the 8th grade are eligible to apply to the program.

Application Materials:

1) Application

When filling out the application form, please use blue or black ink.

2) Reference Letters

Along with your completed application form, we will need two letters of reference.

Please choose a non-relative who can attest to your character, capabilities, sense of responsibility and experience. Reference letters are acceptable from teachers, counselors, employers, coaches, or church leaders.

3) Essay

Please describe in two pages or less why you want to join the Conservation Teen Scientist Program at Zoo Miami. Your essay should address what you hope to experience; what skills and strengths you feel you have to offer the Zoo; what experiences you have had that should help you in this position and what you hope to achieve by participating. All essays should be typed, in 12 point Times New Roman font with double spacing and one inch-margins all around.

4) Resume

Please include a one page resume that includes your education, volunteer work and job history (if any), skills and languages, extracurricular activities, and honor/awards.

5) Two Forms: (a) Consent & Release Form & (b) Waiver of Liability Form

Please complete and include in application package.

The Deadline:

Complete application packages must be received by **Friday, November 18, 2016** to be considered. A complete application includes the application, essay, resume, 2 reference letters, and two forms: consent & release & a waiver of liability. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The Selection Process & Committee:

After all the completed applications have been received, the selection committee will carefully and methodically evaluate each applicant and will make their selections for the CTS program. This is a highly selective program and only a limited number of applicants will be accepted.

Cost:

Selected participants are asked to pay \$45 in dues to the program. This due helps to cover the cost of training, program materials, and uniforms.

CONSERVATION TEEN SCIENTIST APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please Print)

Name of Applicant: _____ Current Grade: _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ zip code: _____

Home Phone: (____)____-____ Cell Phone: (____)____-____ Email: _____

Name of Parent(s)/ Guardian(s) (print) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ zip code: _____
(if different from applicant's)

Home Phone: (____)____-____ Cell Phone: (____)____-____ Work Phone: (____)____-____

E-mail: _____

Please list any additional contacts:

Name Emergency Contact # 1 _____ Phone: (____)____-____ Relationship _____

Name Emergency Contact # 2 _____ Phone: (____)____-____ Relationship _____

Medical Concerns:

Please list any medical concerns (allergies, medical conditions, medications, etc).

Transportation:

I am the parent/guardian and I commit to transporting my child to and from Zoo Miami to complete their minimum required hours during the school year and summer.

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Signature: _____

Please mail complete application package to:

**Zoo Miami Foundation
Isabel Sanchez, Youth Programs & Volunteer Manager
12400 SW 152nd Street
Miami, Florida 33177**