



Intern Application

- *Please type or print clearly, using blue or black ink.
- *Please complete all information on all pages, including essays.
- *2 letters of recommendation must be included with application.
- *Students must complete at least one semester of higher education before the start date of the internship.

The Zoo is looking for responsible, enthusiastic students with an interest in working in a zoological environment and who can interact positively with guests.

Student Information (Please Print)

Name

Best phone number to contact you

Street Address

Email Address

City State Zip Code

Will you be 18 years of age or older on July 1st?
 Yes No Birth Date _____

Name of School

Please Circle Your Responses:

Have you applied to be an intern before: Yes No

Have you previously been selected as an intern? Yes No If yes, what year?

Check Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL

Hours Requirement: We ask interns to volunteer 300 hours between June 1st and September 3rd. Most of these hours are completed in June, July and August with weekly shifts.

Considerations: Before submitting this application, students with busy schedules of summer activities such as sports, band camps, long vacations, jobs, etc. should carefully consider whether they have the time to commit to the program.

Print Your Name: _____

Intern Application Page 2

General Essay Questions

You may answer the questions on a separate sheet of paper if necessary. Please type or print clearly.

1. There are many different internship opportunities in the country. Why do you want to intern at the New York State Zoo? Please be as specific as possible.

2. Have you had any intern experiences in the past? If so, where did you intern and what were your responsibilities?

3. Work at the Zoo happens in all kinds of weather. You can expect to work in the rain, heat, sun and wind- whatever happens on your shift. How do you feel about working outdoors in all kinds of weather?

Print Your Name: _____

Student Commitment

Students involved in the internship program are expected to work under the same guidelines as Zoo employees. If selected, interns are required to report to work on their scheduled days. A typical day is from 8am-5pm with an hour lunch, but the schedule may vary based on the needs of the specific assignment, daily programming and staffing. In the case of an absence, it is the responsibility of the intern to call the Lead Keeper to inform them of the absence.

Intern Application Statement of Understanding:

I understand that I might participate in an intern interview, and that this interview is not a guarantee that I will be selected for a position in the internship program. I understand that if I am selected, I must attend all required trainings. In addition, I understand that I must follow all policies and procedures of the internship program, including uniform guidelines.

Intern Applicant Signature

Date

In Case of Emergency Contact

Printed Name

Cell Phone/Day Phone

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATION ALONG WITH 2 SEALED LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Curator of Conservation and Education, Thompson Park Zoo and Conservancy, 1 Thompson Park, Watertown NY, 13601 OR Email amanda@nyszoo.org.

