

SEATTLE CHILDREN'S
PLAYGARDEN
 A Garden for Everyone

GENERAL VOLUNTEER APPLICATION (please print clearly)

Date: _____

Name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Phone #1: (circle home – cell – work) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

School (if applicable) _____ Are you here for School Community Service? _____

Occupation (if applicable) _____ Employer _____

Does your employer have the following (check all the apply):

___ volunteer program ___ match volunteer hours If yes to either, company phone: _____

Do you have any hobbies or special interest that you would be willing to share with the PlayGarden?
 (2nd language, painting, cooking, sewing, gardening, etc.)

How did you hear about the PlayGarden? _____

Have you volunteered/worked for a similar program before? (where?) _____

What are your preferred days/times to volunteer? _____

SKILLS/EXPERIENCE

Please rate on a scale of 1 to 5, 5 being the most experience/high level of skills:

	Little exp/low skills-----Much exp/high skills				
	1	2	3	4	5
Working with Children	1	2	3	4	5
Gardening	1	2	3	4	5
Board/Committee Work	1	2	3	4	5
Fundraising	1	2	3	4	5
Administrative work	1	2	3	4	5
Other (describe)	1	2	3	4	5

VOLUNTEER QUESTIONNAIRE

Your answers to the following questions will help us understand you better, so that we may make an appropriate placement, and identify possible supplementary training opportunities. Thank you!

Please describe why you would like to volunteer at the PlayGarden, including what you hope to get out of your experience as an volunteer.

I would like to help in the following areas: ___ Gardening ___ Working with kids at camp ___ Office work ___ Board/Committee work ___ Special events ___ Fundraising ___ Running errands ___ Other _____

How would you rate your skills working with children?
(Please rate on a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being least confident and 5 most confident)

	Least confident ----- Most conf.				
Creative play	1	2	3	4	5
Problem-solving arguments between children	1	2	3	4	5
Sign language	1	2	3	4	5
Redirecting children who are off-task	1	2	3	4	5
Other (describe)	1	2	3	4	5

How would you rate yourself with regard to the following characteristics?

	Least confident ----- Most conf.				
Working outdoors no matter what weather	1	2	3	4	5
Organization	1	2	3	4	5
Punctuality	1	2	3	4	5
Working collaboratively on a team	1	2	3	4	5

Do you have any experience working or interacting with people with disabilities? **Yes or No. Please describe.**

Would you be comfortable physically supporting children on the play equipment? **Yes or No**

Do you have any reservations about working with people who may not have complete control over their verbalizations or bodies (e.g., drooling, shouting, involuntary hitting, etc.)? **Yes or No. Please describe.**

Would you be comfortable asking questions and letting the Instructor or Volunteer Coordinator know how you are doing and if you have any concerns? (We need you and want you to be as happy as possible. Communication is the key!) **Yes or No**

VOLUNTEER CONSENT FORM

Name (print): _____ Phone: _____



PHOTO RELEASE

PHOTOGRAPHS: I give my permission for photographs to be taken of myself for program uses and informing the community about Seattle Children's PlayGarden and its programs.

YES _____

NO _____

VIDEO: I give my permission for videotapes/DVDs to be made of myself for program uses and to inform the community about Seattle Children's PlayGarden and its programs.

YES _____

NO _____

WEB SITE: I give permission to Seattle Children's PlayGarden to use media of myself on the Seattle Children's PlayGarden Web site: www.childrensplaygarden.org

YES _____

NO _____

VOLUNTEER'S SIGNATURE

DATE



STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

I understand that at the Seattle Children's PlayGarden, there is certain information that is available to me but is considered confidential. It is to be used only for facilitating the goals and objectives of each child, according to the direction of the instructor or therapist. In consideration of the right to privacy of the children and their families, I understand the need to use appropriate discretion in written comments and in related conversations with volunteers, staff, family, or the general public. Any breach of this confidentiality will prove reason for my dismissal. I have read and understand the above statement of confidentiality and agree to abide by these terms and conditions.

VOLUNTEER'S SIGNATURE

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VOLUNTEER CONDUCT PLEDGE

Volunteers at the Seattle Children's PlayGarden are vitally important and highly valued. Because our volunteers are also representatives of our program, we provide the following guidelines regarding behavior expected of you as you conduct volunteer duties for the PlayGarden.

Volunteers must:

- ✓ Complete an application and background check release before working with children. Attend a volunteer training session.
- ✓ Be at least 14 years of age, or obtain special permission from PlayGarden staff and consent from your parents.
- ✓ Remain committed throughout the time period for which you signed up, and call ahead when you are unable to meet a volunteer commitment.
- ✓ Dress appropriately at all times when on PlayGarden premises and while volunteering for a PlayGarden event.
- ✓ Turn off cell phones to avoid being distracted while working with children or while at a PlayGarden event during which it would be inappropriate for the phone to ring.
- ✓ Treat PlayGardeners with respect, kindness, and compassion.
- ✓ Respect individual confidentiality, rights, safety, and property of others, whether they are staff, children, or fellow volunteers.
- ✓ Not discriminate in any practices on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, political association, sexual orientation, age, mental condition or disability.
- ✓ Not use obscene or discriminatory language in any PlayGarden class, event, meeting, or activity.
- ✓ Not possess, use, or be under the influence of alcohol and/ or illegal drugs while volunteering for any PlayGarden event, meeting, or activity.
- ✓ Report to the Volunteer Coordinator any inappropriate conduct in the presence of or toward PlayGarden children or their families.
- ✓ Always inform the PlayGarden Volunteer Coordinator if there is a change of address, phone number or emergency contact.

VOLUNTEER'S SIGNATURE

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BACKGROUND CHECK

The undersigned applicant acknowledges that Washington law requires employees and volunteers who have regularly scheduled unsupervised access to children under the age of 16 years, developmentally disabled persons, or vulnerable adults, to provide the following statement and the subject to background checks concerning adjudication of certain civil and criminal matters identified in RCW 43.43.8340 - Background Checks - Access to Children or Vulnerable Persons - Definitions. I acknowledge notice that Seattle Children's PlayGarden may conduct an inquiry of me as permitted by statute.

Also, as required by statute, I am disclosing the extent to which there has been a civil adjudication or criminal conviction regarding the following matters:

Please provide as much information as possible (name and date of birth are mandatory). Print clearly.

Applicant's Name (Last) _____ (first) _____ (middle) _____

DL Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____ (m/d/y) Gender: ___ Ethnicity: _____

Alias/Maiden Name(s): _____

1. Convicted of any crime against children or other persons: ___ No ___ Yes

Explanation: _____

2. Convicted of crimes relating to financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult: ___ No ___ Yes

Explanation: _____

3. Found to have sexually assaulted, exploited or physically abused a minor in a dependency action under RCW 13.34.040: ___ No ___ Yes

Explanation: _____

4. Found to have sexually assaulted, exploited or physically abused a minor in a domestic relations proceedings, Title 26 RCW: ___ No ___ Yes

Explanation: _____

5. Found in any disciplinary board final decision to have sexually abused or exploited any minor or developmentally disabled person or to have abused or financially exploited any vulnerable adult:

___ No ___ Yes Explanation: _____

6. Found in a court in a protection proceeding under Chapter 74.34 RCW to have abused or financially exploited a vulnerable adult: ___ No ___ Yes

Explanation: _____

I UNDERSTAND SEATTLE CHILDREN'S PLAYGARDEN MAY INSTITUTE A WASHINGTON STATE PHYSICAL AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE MY SERVICE.

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