

Education VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION

Position Title: Education Docent

Department: Education

Smithsonian affiliated Aquarium of the Bay (non-profit 501c3) inspires climate resilience and ocean conservation, through environmental stewardship to protect and preserve eco-biodiversity from Sierra to the Sea.

VOLUNTEER POSITION SUMMARY:

Are you passionate about protecting our San Francisco Bay? Do you love animals? Working with visitors of all ages? Are you looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity? The docent training program at Aquarium of the Bay could be perfect for you!

Docents are expert guides to the Aquarium who share their knowledge with visitors. They serve as ambassadors for the San Francisco Bay and the animals who call it home, and they use their knowledge to educate the public on the Aquarium's mission: "inspire climate resilience and ocean conservation, through environmental stewardship to protect and preserve eco-biodiversity from Sierra to the Sea." Provide informal interpretation of different exhibits to Aquarium guests, assist Education staff, and general duties as assigned. Docent training and continuing education experiences in a team setting with a strong sense of community and mutual support within the Education team.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must be passionate about learning, storytelling, and ocean/marine conservation. No previous experience is required, but experience teaching, touring, or public speaking is a plus.

Requirements:

All levels of experience or inexperience are welcome to apply! Must be at least 16 years old and comfortable with public speaking. Must enjoy working with children and adults of all ages. Must be comfortable standing and walking for long periods of time. Bay.org volunteers that are 18 + are required to pass a background check (**fee required**).

Commitment:

Docents are required to attend orientation and training and commit to at least 1 full day or 2 4 hour days a month (recommended in 4-hour sessions) for at least 6-months.

Training:

Learn about our bay ecosystem, practice public speaking, work with people and animals. All training is provided by Education staff over the course of their first shifts.