

Volunteer Application

Volunteers make a difference...

The Starfish Story

A young man is walking along the ocean and sees a beach on which thousands and thousands of starfish have washed ashore. Further along he sees an old man, who is walking slowly and stooping often, picking up one starfish after another and tossing each one gently into the ocean.

"Why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?" he asks.

"Because the sun is up and the tide is going out and if I don't throw them further in they will die."

"But, old man, don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it! You can't possibly save them all, you can't even save one-tenth of them. In fact, even if you work all day, your efforts won't make any difference at all."

The old man listened calmly and then bent down to pick up another starfish and throw it into the sea.

"It made a difference to that one."

Thank you for your interest...

Volunteers play an active role in the Plainsboro community, filling many roles and serving many needs. People volunteer for many reasons... to gain experience, meet new people, learn a skill, and almost always, to make a difference. Some of the options for township volunteer service are:

- √ Shadow Buddies (for special needs children)
- √ Food Pantry Volunteers
- √ Community Event Volunteers
- √ Nature / Environmental Program Volunteers

Please complete and return the application form. We will let you know if there are any opportunities available that would suit your interest and goals.

Volunteers MUST have completed their freshman year of high school.

Completing your application...

Please print clearly or type responses. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

We consider all applicants for all positions without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital or veteran status, the presence of a non-job related medical condition or disability, or any other legally protected status. All applicants must have completed their freshman year of high school. Applicants will be contacted if/when a volunteer opportunity of potential interest (as indicated in the information you provide) is currently, or soon to be, available.

PLEASE NOTE: Some volunteer positions will require background checks.

RETURN TO:

Plainsboro Township
Department of Recreation & Community Services,
641 Plainsboro Rd, Plainsboro NJ 08536
Phone 609-799-0909 x1719
Fax 609-799-7026

Description or Category of Interest <i>(if known)</i>		Date of Application	
APPLICANT INFORMATION			
NAME Last		First	Nick Name
Street		City / State	Zip Code
Home Phone	Cell Phone		E-Mail
Are you working toward community service credit?		Age and Date of Birth <i>(if under 18)</i>	Male Female Gender Neutral
Name of School / College <i>(if any)</i>		Current Level	
Major <i>(if any)</i> and/or Area (s) of Interest <i>(if relevant)</i>			
BACKGROUND INFORMATION			
Have you ever volunteered with us before? <i>If yes, give dates and position held</i>			Yes No
Are you currently employed full time? part-time? N/A			On what date are you available?
Have you ever been convicted of a felony? <i>If yes, explain</i> <i>(Conviction will not necessarily disqualify applicant.)</i>			Yes No
Have you had a background check within the last two years? <i>for 18 years & up only if interested in working with youth</i>			Yes No
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION			
Please use check boxes to indicate a special interest in any of the following areas <i>(check as many as apply)</i>			
Shadow Buddies <i>(for special needs youth)</i>		Food Pantry	Events
Nature/Environmental Programs		Youth	Museum
How frequently are you interested in volunteering?			
occasionally, as needed		<i>indicate day (s) of week available</i> _____	
regularly scheduled		<i>indicate preferred day (s) of week and time (s) of day</i> _____	

Applicant's Statement

I certify that answers given herein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application as may be necessary. In consideration of the acceptance of my volunteer application, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Township of Plainsboro and its officers, agents and employees from any and all costs, claims and liability arising out of my or my child's volunteer participation. I do hereby waive any and all rights of claim damages or losses resulting from my or my child's volunteer participation. I hereby assume liability for any loss, damage or other liability from such event.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

If applicant is under 18: I am the parent/legal guardian of the applicant and consent to his/her participation.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____