



We are so excited that you want to apply to become a volunteer at the Maryland Zoo! Below are some helpful tips for writing answers to the essay questions in the application. Essays don't necessarily need to follow the format below—they're just suggestions if you want some guidance.

If possible, we highly recommend typing your answers on a computer. If you do not have access to a computer, type the answers in a note on your phone before copy & pasting them into the application. Adults in your life are welcome to help proofread or talk with you about your essays, but all the writing must be your own. There is no right or wrong answer, just be thoughtful and true to yourself. Don't worry, we aren't looking for perfection!

Our Zoo Teen Leaders are here to help. Email teenleadershipcouncil@marylandzoo.org with questions.

Application Essay Questions: Tips

1. Why do you want to volunteer at the Zoo? How would becoming a Zoo volunteer fit into your education, life, and/or career goals? 150-250 words (2 paragraphs)

- Write 1 to 3 sentences on why you want to be a part of this program.
- Write 1 to 2 sentences on what you want to study in college if you plan to attend.
- Write 2 to 3 sentences on what career you want to pursue and why.

2. Why do you think zoos are important? 150-250 words (2 paragraphs)

- Write 1 to 2 sentences about why zoos are important to you and why you are interested in the zoo.
- Write 2 to 3 sentences about why you think zoos are important for the world. (How do they help people, animals, and the environment?)

4. What role do you usually play when you work as part of a team? Please share a time that acting in this role helped your team succeed. 150-250 words (2 paragraphs)

- Write 2 to 3 sentences about how you work with a group/team and what role you play in the group or team. (Are you a group leader? Do you provide support to other team members? Do you make sure everyone is having fun but still learning? There are lots of ways to be a good team player!)
- Write 2 to 3 sentences explaining a time when you worked with a group/team and were successful.

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