



2018 VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

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Application Deadline: May 30, 2018

Horizons Hampton Roads Mission and Background

The achievement gap between low-income children and their more affluent peers is already 6 months by kindergarten and, without intervention, will continue to widen to three years by the fifth grade. Low-income students typically lose more than two months in reading achievement in the summer, while middle-class kids tend to make slight gains. The losses are cumulative over time, so that by the end of the fifth grade, children without opportunities can be three or more grade levels behind their peers in reading. Children who fall into the achievement gap:

- Continue to drop further behind each year
- Are 6 times more likely to drop out of high school
- Have a 51% chance of being unemployed.

Horizons Hampton Roads' education program has proven results to reverse this trend and offer improved educational outcomes including on-time grade progression and high school graduation rates, as well as greater rates of post-secondary education, and leading to improved overall employment opportunities. Each summer, Horizons Hampton Roads students gain, on average, 2.5 months of reading and math skill levels.

Horizons provides an academic, cultural and recreational enrichment program designed to encourage students from diverse, limited income population to realize their full potential. Working in partnership with families and communities, Horizons is committed to the development of the whole child through experiences that build problem-solving skills, foster awareness of community responsibility, instill respect for others, and encourage life-long interest in learning. The program follows the award-winning Horizons National model by offering an effective six-week educational enrichment program to low-income children in grades K-8 in Norfolk, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach.

Volunteers and interns may work at any of our three sites – Norfolk Collegiate, Portsmouth Catholic Regional School or Chesapeake Bay Academy

Position Overview: Volunteers are responsible for working with the program in a variety of ways, and with a variety of ages and grade levels; however, **your two most important responsibilities are (1) to be a positive role model for all Horizons students and (2) to lend your time and talents to the staff, all in support of the Horizons mission.**

Role Description: Your primary your job is to assist teachers, teacher aides, and other staff members with delivering our academic enrichment curriculum; maintaining a safe and enjoyable atmosphere on campus; and building a successful relationship with students, staff, and host school staff.

Eligibility: You must be at least 15 years old or have finished freshman year of high school and have parental permission. Student must have genuine interests in summer volunteerism, the teaching profession, or working with at-risk youth.

Schedule: The 2018 summer program is in session from June 25 – August 2. Volunteers are expected to commit to their chosen schedule and daily assignment. Please carefully give thought to your availability during this time. Volunteering for Horizons is a serious commitment that should be met with a sense of professionalism and dedication. **Please provide your preferred dates and preferred location on page 3.** Horizons will set the volunteer schedule based on the needs of the program summer calendar, as well as your preferences. You will be contacted in early June as to your acceptance into the Horizons Volunteer Program and to confirm plans and receive your work schedule.

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Section 1: Questions –

Please use the following questions to introduce yourself; to share with us what your goals are for your participation; and detail any other important things we should know about you. These questions will help us to determine if we are a good fit for one another – Be authentic and complete in your responses.

1. Please list availability:

I prefer working with students in Grade _____.

My Preferred Location: _____ Norfolk Collegiate Portsmouth Regional Catholic School Chesapeake Bay Academy

Typically, volunteer must participate for a minimum of one full week, but up to six weeks. All schedules will be determined by staff and based on program needs. There are no guarantees. Volunteers will be given notice of their assignments in June 2016.

2. Describe how you will contribute to our mission. Specifically, what skills, talents, relevant work experience do you bring?

3. Tell us why this work might inspire you personally and what you aim to gain academically or professionally.

4. Be creative and use this final space as you wish. (HINT: Use this space for anything else we “must-have” when considering YOU.)

From all of us at Horizons, we thank you for sharing a bit about yourself! So very grateful you have expressed interest! Best Wishes! We all hope to meet you in May!

Section 2: Applicant Data and Information

Date of Application	Last Name	First Name
Street Address		City & Zip Code
Email	Home #	Cell #
Emergency Contact Name:	Contact Details:	
Please list any medical conditions allergies or other situations which Horizons should be made aware of:		
For those under 18 ONLY: Parent (Printed) Name:	Parent Signature:	

Demographic Information:

Grade: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____ Race/Ethnicity: _____ Are you Hispanic/Latino? _____

Education**High School**

School Name	
City, State	
Dates Attended	Did you graduate?

College/Graduate/Professional School

1. School Name		2. School Name	
City, State		City, State	
Major/Area of Study:		Major/Area of Study:	
Dates Attended	Did you graduate?	Degree:	Dates Attended
			Did you graduate?
			Degree

Work History: Please include all work history including internships and volunteer work.

1. Name of Employer	2. Name of Employer
Name of Supervisor and/or Person to Contact:	Name of Supervisor and/or Person to Contact:
Description of Work:	Description of Work:
Reason for Leaving:	Reason for Leaving:

References and Resume

Please provide the contact information of two professional references (previous employers, faculty from your school, or extracurricular supervisors 1. _____

2. _____