



Prospect Park Zoo Volunteer Recommendation Form

To the Student: This form is to be completed by a school faculty member or community leader. You may attach the completed form to your application, or your evaluator may send it separately.

To the Evaluator: The student listed below is applying to the Prospect Park Zoo's Discovery Guide Program. The Discovery Guide program is a highly competitive and unpaid volunteer opportunity that allows teens and college students to interact with zoo visitors as they gain skills in teaching, leadership, and public speaking, while learning about animals and the wild places they inhabit. Space in this program is limited. We are looking for enthusiastic, outgoing, creative, and motivated, team players; who have an interest in science, education, or conservation. Prospective guides should also have the ability to adapt to a fast paced environment. Your insight regarding this student is important to us and we would appreciate your candid responses to the questions below. Please feel free to attach a separate sheet of paper, if needed.

Please give this recommendation (in a sealed envelope if you prefer) to the student to submit with their application. If that is not possible, scan and email recommendation to ppzvolunteer@wcs.org
Recommendations for Summer Discovery Guide Applicants are due no later than May 1, 2018.

Student's Printed Name _____

Teacher/Evaluator's Name _____

School/Organization _____

Work Phone _____ Work Email _____

Signature _____

1. In what capacity and for how long have you known this student?

2. How would you rate this student's ability to work with the public? Have you observed this student's interpersonal skills?

3. Does this student have the maturity and responsibility to represent the Prospect Park Zoo as a volunteer? How has he/she demonstrated these qualities in school or in your program?

4. Does this student have a well-developed interest or background in science? What special projects or studies has he/she undertaken?

5. What other comments can you offer in support of this student’s application?

6. Please rate the student by putting an “x” in the appropriate columns.

	1 Outstanding	2 Excellent	3 Good	4 Average	5 Fair	6 Below Average
Oral Communication Skills						
Common Sense						
Curiosity						
Creativity						
Dependability						
Sense of Responsibility						
Self-motivation						
Ability to work in a group						
Reaction to criticism						
Regard for authority						
Regard for rules						
Cooperation						
Flexibility						
Sensitivity to others’ feelings						
Ability to follow directions						

Thank you for taking the time to complete this recommendation!