



2026 SUMMER DOCENT PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in our Summer Docent Program. This program is open to students entering 7th-12th grades in the fall of 2026.

We offer two programs: Junior High Aquarium Touring Docents and Senior High Aquarium Touring Docents. After acceptance and training the docents will give tours one or two mornings a week to students from school, recreation centers and other organizations.

Training Dates: Jr. High Training week: June 15 - 18 (9am-3:30pm) NO TRAINING JUNE 19
Tour Days: Tuesday-Friday, June 23 – July 10 (9am–12:30pm)

Field Trips:

Monday, June 22 – San Pedro Day

Monday, June 29– Catalina

Monday, July 6 - Beach Day

Friday, July 10 – Graduation

Fee: \$500

Training Dates: Senior High Training week: July 13 - 17 (9am-12:30pm) Tour Days:
Tuesday-Friday, July 21 - August 7 (9am-12:30pm)

Field Trips:

Monday, July 20 - Catalina

Monday, July 27 – Team Building Ropes Course

Monday, August 3 - Beach Day

Friday, August 7 - Celebration

Fee: \$500

Training is MANDATORY for returning and new docents – no exceptions. Training is very important in ensuring a successful and enjoyable experience as a Summer Docent. **All docents must attend each full day of training.** A maximum of seventy (70) students will be accepted into each of the two Aquarium Touring sessions

PROGRAM FEES

Program fees cover training materials, T-shirt, hoodie, hat and name badge. The fee for each program is \$500.00. Scholarships are available and may be requested upon acceptance. **DO NOT send money with your application.** Fees will be collected upon acceptance into the program.

INTERVIEWS & ACCEPTANCE

All applicants must participate in the interview process – no exceptions. All applicants will be notified of acceptance within 3 weeks after the interview is conducted. Applicants will be contacted in May for interview appointments.

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REGISTERING WITH THE CITY

All participants over the age of 14 can be registered as official volunteers with the City of Los Angeles. Official volunteers 14 and older are subject to a background check, and fingerprinting. Instructions will be provided upon acceptance. It is not necessary to register as an official volunteer with the City of Los Angeles to participate in the program. You must register as an official volunteer if you would like to help with weekend volunteer programs throughout the year.

HOW TO APPLY

Junior High Program

You must be going into the 7th, 8th, or 9th grade in the fall of 2026.

1. Complete the attached application.
2. Include your personal resume.
3. Include the completed Teacher Reference form.
4. Include a one-sided, one-page essay answering the following, **"What skill(s) do you have that make you a good candidate to be a docent who teaches about ocean conservation at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium? What is something that you would like to learn from the docent program?"**

Senior High Program

You must be going into the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade in the fall of 2026.

1. Complete the attached application
2. Include your personal resume.
3. Include complete Teacher Reference form.
4. Include a one-sided, one-page essay answering the following, **"What skill(s) do you have that make you a good candidate to be a docent who teaches about ocean conservation at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium? What is something that you would like to learn from the docent program?"**

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:00 PM Sunday, April 26, 2026
PLEASE SUBMIT ALL FOUR (4) ITEMS TOGETHER IN ONE PACKET

-Email the application to Floyd Anderson at: floyd.anderson@lacity.org
-Drop off the application at the Welcome Booth with ATTN: Floyd
-Mail packets to: Floyd Anderson, Volunteer Coordinator
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2026 SUMMER DOCENT APPLICATION

Be sure to read the cover letter! Please print clearly or type

Your Name:
As it will appear on your name badge.
Have you been in this program before please circle: No: Yes: If yes what year? _____

Please ✓which program you are applying for:

<input type="checkbox"/> Junior High: Students Entering Grades 7-9 <p style="text-align: center;">Program Fee: \$500.00</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior High: Students Entering Grades 10-12 <p style="text-align: center;">Program Fee: \$500.00</p>
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Birth Date (month/day/year): _____
What grade will you be entering in the fall? (circle one) 7 th 8 th 9 th 10 th 11 th 12 th
Name of School:
How did you find out about the Summer Docent Program?
Address: _____ Street, City State, Zip
Home Phone: ()

Parent/Guardian Information

Name	
Daytime Phone	
Cell Phone	

Please provide your email address **and** the email of one parent/guardian. Email is the most often used method of communication with you. **Please print clearly**

Student email: _____

Parent/Guardian email: _____

Circle your T-shirt/sweatshirt size (<i>note: Youth XL is the same as adult small</i>)
Youth Size: Large Adult Sizes: Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large

Parent/Guardian Signature Required

- I understand that acceptance may be based on a lottery.
- I understand that attendance **every day during the training period is required.**
- If your child is a member of a service group such as Ticktockers, Assisteens, Los Hermanos, Los Compadres, etc., it is your responsibility to let the coordinator know of your child's participation in our program. Additionally, if hours need to be reported, your child is responsible for providing the coordinator a copy of the letter given to her/him at the end of the program which confirms the number of hours served.

Print Name _____ Signature _____

Keep a copy of this for your records!

