

## Summer Junior Volunteer Program Overview

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The Summer Junior Program provides high school students, ages 15-17, the opportunity to volunteer with Texas Children's Hospital Medical Center campus. Junior Volunteers will support patients, families, and staff through a virtual, service – based program. To learn more about the positive impact our junior volunteers make at Texas Children's, we encourage you to watch this short [video](#).

This three week virtual program is intended to provide participants with an understanding of how their service is of benefit to others. We encourage you to consider applying to be a part of this special opportunity.

### Program Details

#### Session Dates

Monday, July 12 – Friday, July 30

#### Days and Times

Weekly Check – in Tuesday's at 10:00 am or 3:00 pm

\*Activities can be completed at your convenience

### Program Guidelines

- Participant must be available for weekly check in via Microsoft Teams platform
- Participant will need access to a private computer with camera and microphone capabilities
- Participant is responsible for submitting their weekly hours to volunteer services
- Volunteers will participate in a weekly service based activity benefitting Texas Children's patients
- Reliable transportation is needed to pick up and drop off items at Texas Children's
- Activity packets need to be prepared in a smoke free home due to Infection Control concerns

### Overview

The Summer Junior program at Texas Children's Hospital is a service based program that will provide participants with a well – rounded experience. Participants can expect:

- Weekly Teams session to enhance professional development skills
- Weekly check – in with Volunteer Services team
- Service – based activity that directly impacts the patient experience
  - Packaging craft and activity kits (kits are used for bedside distraction)
  - Handwritten cards to be shared with patients to brighten their day
- Hours recognition certificate

## Application Process

Volunteers enhance the mission of Texas Children's in their support of patients, families, and hospital staff. Prospective volunteers are strongly encouraged to consider the time commitment, consistency, and dedication necessary to make the volunteer experience beneficial to both you as a volunteer and to the patients, families, and hospital staff we serve. To be considered to join our elite group of junior volunteers, applicants must:

1. Complete the online [application](#)
2. Upload most current report card to application
3. Submit one recommendation form
  - a. Print one copy of the Recommendation Form, located at the end of this packet
  - b. Provide form to reference (examples: teachers, counselors, employers, pastor). Family references will not be considered.

## Next Steps

If invited to join the program, volunteers must also complete the following steps:

1. Register and attend interview session with a volunteer coordinator
2. Attend mandatory orientation via Teams meeting
  - a. Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - b. Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Application Closes: Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

All documentation must be received by the deadline. Applicants will be notified by Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> of their status with the program. Space is limited.

Thank you for your interest in joining Texas Children's One Amazing Team. For more information, please contact the Volunteer Services office at 832.824.2257 or [volunteerservices@texaschildrens.org](mailto:volunteerservices@texaschildrens.org).



## Summer Junior Program – Recommendation Form

The Summer Junior Program provides high school students, ages 15-17, the opportunity to volunteer with Texas Children's Hospital Medical Center campus. The program provides a unique opportunity for teens to gain experience supporting patients, families, and staff in a virtual, service based way. The applicant is requesting a recommendation from you per the application requirement. This is a two page recommendation, please complete both pages. The deadline for your recommendation form is by 5:00 p.m., on Friday, May 28, 2021. Please email the completed form to [volunteerservices@texaschildrens.org](mailto:volunteerservices@texaschildrens.org). If preferred, the student may also submit the form on your behalf.

### Recommendation (page 1 of 2)

(Name of applicant FIRST/LAST) \_\_\_\_\_ has applied to the Summer Junior Volunteer Program at Texas Children's Hospital. Please complete the following information. Your evaluation will be an important factor in our selection process. All information is confidential and will not be disclosed to other parties.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

How well do you know the applicant? (circle one)      Very Well      Well      Casually      Other

### Please check the following:

General Characteristics	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Dependability				
Trustworthiness				
Punctuality				
Shows Initiative				
Accepts Constructive Criticism				
Compatibility with Peers				
Compatibility with Adults				

**Recommendation Form (page 2 of 2)**

**APPLICANT NAME:**

**1. Please describe the applicant in five words or less (ex. Independent, thinker, reliable, etc.).**

**2. What can this applicant offer our patients, families, and staff?**

**3. If you could give the applicant advice on an area of growth, what would your advice be?**

**4. Why would you recommend this applicant for the summer junior program at Texas Children's Hospital?**

**5. Is there anything else you would like us to know about the applicant?**