

## 2023-2024 TLC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Apply today to become part of Dallas Arboretum's Teen Leadership Council. This program has a commitment for one school year, beginning in August 2023 and ending in May 2024.

The mission of the Teen Leadership Council is to develop a dedicated team of teen leaders who volunteer their time and efforts to support the Dallas Arboretum.

Teen Leadership Council members go above and beyond leading other teen volunteers and raising awareness within their school and community. Students enhance their interpersonal and leadership skills while volunteering in a fun, hands on environment!

When submitting the application, please make sure that you have enclosed the following items:

- Signed copy of application, including participation release and short answer
- A reference letter is required for **new** members
- A fee of \$20 to be paid by check made out to Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society

Applications will be reviewed based on answers submitted as well as in the interest of creating a well-balanced, diverse membership.

Return all application materials by **May 5th** in person or by mail to:

Volunteer Office  
Dallas Arboretum  
8525 Garland Rd  
Dallas, TX 75218

You will receive word on the status of your application via email. For questions or more information, please contact Sharon Reinschmiedt at [sreinschmiedt@dallasarboretum.org](mailto:sreinschmiedt@dallasarboretum.org) or 214-515-6561

The mission of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden is to build and maintain a public garden and arboretum which promotes the art, enjoyment, and knowledge of horticulture, while providing opportunities for education and research.

The first **mandatory** meeting will be held on date and time: TBD

# MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

Active Teen Leadership Council members are required to:

- Serve as a leader to other student volunteers at the Dallas Arboretum
- Be knowledgeable about the inner workings of the Volunteer Office as well as the Dallas Arboretum as a whole
- Assist the Volunteer Coordinator during individual volunteer shifts in The Children's Garden
- Attend at least 3 out of 4 general meetings each school year
- Organize one group day for fall and one group day for spring, with 5-10 volunteers. Two group days for Holiday Village with 10-20 volunteers. This is a great opportunity to get your family and friends involved!
- Actively promote the Dallas Arboretum and its volunteer opportunities
- Individually volunteer a total of 20 hours (This includes general meetings, but does not include assigned group volunteer dates)

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in 2023/2024 School Year: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

I submit that all the provided information is true and current to the best of my abilities. I understand that my participation in Teen Leadership Council includes abiding by all membership guidelines over the course of the 2023-2024 school year to maintain active status.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# GENERAL LIABILITY AND PARTICIPATION RELEASE

Applicant's First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/ Emergency Information

First & Last Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Company & Occupation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### **Photo Release**

I GIVE MY PERMISSION TO USE MY LIKENESS IN ANY PUBLIC RELATIONS MATERIALS FOR THE PROMOTION OF DALLAS ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL SOCIETY.

### **General Release**

I AGREE TO, AND DO HEREBY KNOWINGLY RELEASE, ABSOLVE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS, DALLAS ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL SOCIETY, ITS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, AND ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND VOLUNTEERS, BOTH JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY, FROM ALL CLAIMS THAT MIGHT RESULT FROM ANY ACCIDENT, PERSONAL INJURY, ILLNESS AND/OR DEATH TO THE UNDERSIGNED, OR FROM ANY DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF ANY PROPERTY OF THE UNDERSIGNED, WHETHER OR NOT SUCH ACCIDENT, PERSONAL INJURY, ILLNESS, DEATH, DAMAGE OR LOSS ARISES FROM THE SOLE AND/OR CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PERSON OR ENTITY RELEASED HEREIN.

Applicant Signature for all items above: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature for all above items: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please answer each of the following questions. This is to help us better get to know you. This portion of the application should be **typed**. You should be creative and concise in your responses.

Please remember that we are looking for applicants who have an understanding of what the Dallas Arboretum has to offer, as well as a willingness to learn. If you have not already done so, please visit our website to learn a little bit more about volunteering with the Dallas Arboretum at [DallasArboretum.org](http://DallasArboretum.org).

We will also use these responses during our first general meeting to create goals for the upcoming year!

### NEW TLC MEMBER QUESTIONS:

1. What do you hope to gain from your participation with Teen Leadership Council?
2. List high school and/or community activities that you have been involved in or are currently involved in. What was your most rewarding experience and why?
3. What qualities do you believe make a great leader? Please provide a personal experience or an example of a situation that exemplify outstanding leadership skills.

### RETURNING TLC MEMBER QUESTIONS:

1. What did you learn from your previous experience with Teen Leadership Council?
2. What are your goals for the upcoming Teen Leadership Council season?
3. What was the most rewarding experience from participating with Teen Leadership Council?