



# ZOO TEEN RECOMMENDATION

Dear Reference/Recommender:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this recommendation for a teen who is interested in our Zoo Teen Program. We are looking for responsible, outgoing, and motivated young people to volunteer their time and talent to assist the Jackson Zoo staff. As a Zoo teen, this student will be asked to educate the public about animals and conservation, as well as work behind the scenes in animal care with our Discovery Ambassadors.

You may return this form by mail (Jackson Zoo, Zoo Teen Program, 2918 West Capitol Street, Jackson MS 39209), via email at [mlinn@jacksonzoo.org](mailto:mlinn@jacksonzoo.org), or via fax (601-352-2594).

Thank you for your efforts as both an educator, mentor, and a reference, and for supporting the Jackson Zoo.

Name of Teen Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known him/her? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity do you know him/her? \_\_\_\_\_

How well do you feel you know him/her? \_\_\_\_\_ Little \_\_\_\_\_ Some \_\_\_\_\_ Well \_\_\_\_\_ Very Well

<b>Please rank the teen's skills:</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Can't Say</b>
Dependability	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Punctuality	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Empathy for Living Things	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Good with children	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Good with peers	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Good with adults	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Can work independently	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Can accept constructive feedback	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Can follow instructions	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Can work collaboratively	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Is mature and self-aware	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

1. Do you believe this student would be successful in this program?
2. What might this teen find challenging?
3. What challenge do you think might benefit this teen to master?
4. Scenario: This teen is asked to prepare an animal's diet for the next day. Would our staff need to spend more or less time working with this teen in training for certain animals' specific needs? Do you feel they would learn better from watching or doing?

Is there any other information you feel would help our staff better understand how we could help this teen help us and themselves? Any additional comments that might provide insight into the special nature of this teen is much appreciated.

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Print Name

Phone

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Signature

Date