

Temporary Volunteer Information

In an effort to accommodate the increasing need for community members to provide short term volunteering, the Detroit Historical Society is proud to introduce its formal Temporary Volunteer Application and informational sheet! Here you will find everything you need to know about volunteering on a short term basis, Society expectations for temporary volunteers and what you can expect from our Volunteer Program.

Temporary Volunteers are anyone wishing to donate their time for a specific public program or event, on a one-time basis or a maximum number of hours (average between 8-40 hours). Temporary Volunteers provide support on a case-by-case basis, assisting with various projects, as needed.

While most Temporary Volunteers donate their time for a variety of reasons, i.e. community service, employer-sponsored volunteering, university credit, etc., persons interested in becoming a volunteer benefit from this opportunity because it provides opportunity to learn more about the Volunteer Program through minimal obligation.

Applicant Criteria:

- Complete and submit a volunteer application and background check request;
- If under age 18, has parent/guardian complete and submit a Parental Consent Form;
- Commits to completing tasks to the best of their ability in the time allotted, specifically honoring pre-determined scheduling;
- Is practical, personable and professional at all times.

Temporary Volunteer Guidelines:

- All applicant paperwork must be completed before volunteer placement can be confirmed. Allow three (3) days for application processing and placement. Please keep in mind that temporary volunteer requests given on short notice decreases the Volunteer Coordinator's chances of creating placement;
- Volunteers must attend a 20-minute orientation with the Volunteer Coordinator;
- Volunteers must adhere to all Society volunteer policies and procedures;
- Volunteers must complete assignment before verification of community service or extra credit paperwork is signed or completed by Volunteer Coordinator