



The Smithsonian Libraries Chaptour Guides will lead gallery tours and educational experiences for the public in Smithsonian Libraries exhibits and public programs. Summer 2019 will focus on our exhibit, *Magnificent Obsessions*, located at the Nation Museum of American History and our family program, *Check it Out*, located at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden. This program gives students hands-on professional experience, community service hours, an opportunity to learn about library and museum careers, and a behind-the-scenes view of the Smithsonian.

### Should I Apply?

The Smithsonian Libraries Chaptour Guides program is open to local students 15-18 years old, attending or recently graduated from high school. Students should have an interest in libraries, museums, art, public speaking, and engaging with audiences of all ages. The program is competitive and limited applicants will be selected. **Applications are Due April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

### When is it?

All guides are required to complete training prior to working in the galleries. The mandatory training days are **Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> 9am-5pm and Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2pm-5pm**. There are no alternative training dates. Once training is completed students will sign up for 2-hour shifts over the remainder of the summer, serving at least 30 hours overall. Shifts are available every day of the week through Labor Day. Guides may sign up for more than one shift a day.

### What Should I Expect?

During the training days students will learn and practice strategies for guiding visitors through the exhibit and the family program. Training will focus on public speaking, working with museum objects, guided looking, engaging with visitors of all ages, and exhibit content.

### How Do I Apply?

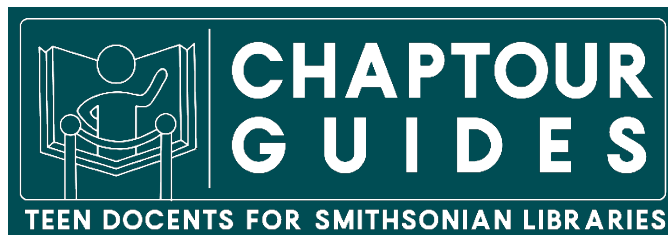
Interested students should fill out the Chaptour Guides Application, and submit it along with *all three* supplemental materials by the April 18<sup>th</sup> deadline. Applicants may be asked to attend an interview with Smithsonian Libraries staff.

### What if I Have Questions?

Contact Sara Cardello, Head of Education  
at [SILEducation@si.edu](mailto:SILEducation@si.edu)



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## CHAPTOUT GUIDES APPLICATION

SUMMER 2019

Name:	Age:	Birthdate:
Street Address:		
City:	Zip:	Cell:
Email Address:		
High School:		
School Address:		
Parent(s) or Guardian(s):		
Emergency Contact:	Relationship:	
Daytime Phone Number:	Email:	
Personal Reference:	Relationship:	
Phone and/or email:	Your Year in School:	
Any weeks that you are unavailable over the summer?		
How did you hear about the Smithsonian Libraries Chaptour Guides?		

## SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Please include with this application these three items: (separate documents as needed)

1. In one paragraph, choose *one* of the following questions to answer:
  - ♦ What do you do in your spare time?
  - ♦ Describe the most important thing that ever happened to you.
  - ♦ Describe a favorite library or museum memory.
2. In one paragraph, answer why are you interested in the Smithsonian Libraries Chaptour Guides?
3. Share your creative side by including a sketch, painting, collage, photograph, sculpture, song, video, poem, short story, or other form of creativity! (*You do not need to include original artwork; a photograph will do*)

Email applications to Sara Cardello at [SLEducation@si.edu](mailto:SLEducation@si.edu) / Due April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019