

The Smithsonian Libraries Chaptour Guides lead gallery tours and educational experiences on the weekend for the public in Smithsonian Libraries exhibits and programs. Winter & Spring 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 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 November 19th, 2018.**

When is it?

All guides are required to complete training prior to working in the galleries. The mandatory training day is **Saturday January 5th, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.** There is no alternative training date. Once training is completed students will sign up for 2-hour shifts between January and June on Saturdays and Sundays, serving at least 20 hours overall.

What Should I Expect?

During the training day 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?

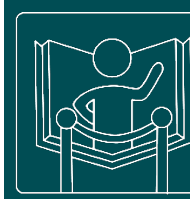
Interested students should fill out the Chaptour Guides Application, and submit it along with *all three* supplemental materials by the November 19th deadline. Applicants may be asked to attend an interview with Smithsonian Libraries staff.

What if I Have Questions?

Contact Sara Cardello, Head of Education
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CHAPTOUR
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TEEN DOCENTS FOR SMITHSONIAN LIBRARIES

CHAPTOUR GUIDES APPLICATION

WINTER & SPRING 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:	
Are you able to commit to the Jan 5 th training, and 20 hours of shifts between Jan-June?		
How did you hear about the Smithsonian Libraries Chaptour Guides?		

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

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

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ In one paragraph, answer why are you interested in the Smithsonian Libraries Chaptour Guides?
- ◆ 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*)