



Reference Form

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Discovery Corps Applicant: Please give this form to an adult who is not a parent or family member.

Dear Discovery Corps Reference,

Discovery Corps is a program club that puts youth on the front lines of Pacific Science Center's mission to inspire lifelong interest in science. Motivated youth volunteers will delve into Pacific Science Center with intensive, hands-on involvement in presenting educational programs for the public and participating in behind the scenes projects and training. The immediate activities are fun, but the long-term benefits are great too: Youth will grow in job and life skills, learn about science careers, and experience mentorship through their involvement with Pacific Science Center staff and experienced volunteers.

The program consists of a system of training and assessment leading to increased levels of responsibility, pay and skill. Youth begin the program as volunteers, They go through a three day training session to become familiar with Pacific Science Center and start developing job skills in customer service, education and communication with people of all ages.

Once a youth has completed **approximately 100 hours** of service learning, including training, as a volunteer, he/she will be assessed on skills and performance. If expectations have been met, he/she will be promoted into a **paid position**. This promotion includes increased responsibilities and more available training to assist with the continued development of skills. Paid youth can continue to work towards further promotions within the structure of the program.

As a member of Discovery Corps, youth will have the opportunity to participate in fun social events while exploring exciting new science discoveries. There will also be workshops available that will support the youth in their educational and career goals while developing job and life skills.

The attached recommendation form should be returned to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal, ensuring confidentiality.

Qualified candidates will be scheduled for a personal interview. If you have questions, contact Discovery Corps at 206-443-2884 or discovery_corps@pacsci.org.

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Discovery Corps Applicant: _____

Reference Completed by: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

1. How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity?

2. This volunteer position requires a great deal of contact with the public. How would you rate the applicant's communication skills?

Poor	Fair	Good	Great	Excellent
1	2	3	4	5

3. After looking over the program description on the first page, describe how well the applicant matches this program's emphasis on sharing knowledge, enjoying science, and participating in extra curricular activities. Give examples if possible.

4. How well does the applicant work with others in his or her own age group? Give examples if possible.

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5. How would you rate his/her ability to get along with supervisors/teachers?

Poor	Fair	Good	Great	Excellent
1	2	3	4	5

6. How would you rate his/her attendance record & punctuality?

Poor	Fair	Good	Great	Excellent
1	2	3	4	5

7. What do you consider his/her strengths to be?

8. If this applicant were selected, how might we best help him/her grow? This might include personal skills and job skills, as well as science and teaching skills.

9. Do you have any reservations about the applicant in terms of his/her attitude or honesty?

10. Please feel free to share any other comments about the applicant.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

To ensure confidentiality, please seal this form in an envelope, sign over the seal and return it to the applicant.

For office use: Date received: _____

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