



**Cincinnati
Museum
Center**

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Dear Interested Youth and Families,

Thank you for your interest in the Cincinnati Museum Center Youth Program. Cincinnati Museum Center offers many exciting opportunities for you as a volunteer to explore science, child development, & history. You will also have the opportunity to meet new people, prepare for college, and explore unique career opportunities. We have been hard at work putting together a fun and exciting summer. We are looking for hard working, fun loving, and dedicated youth willing to put forth extra effort to make the Museum Center even better. An application and essay questions are included with this letter, please complete and return to us by **February 24, 2012**. After we receive your completed paperwork we will call and arrange a tour and an interview. In the last couple of years our program has grown to include over 120 youth. Due to the staff to volunteer ratio we can only take a certain number of new youth. So, **please** return your information as quickly as possible.

Our youth volunteer in the Museum of Natural History & Science, The Duke Energy Children's Museum, and the Cincinnati History Museum. As a youth program member you are expected to interact with visitors of all ages, interpret the exhibits, facilitate demonstrations, and make the museum an enjoyable interactive experience. You will have the opportunity to attend special seminars and field experiences to explore careers, develop job skills, build communication skills, and increase community awareness. Some of these activities have included digging for dinosaur bones in Montana and summer trips to the Everglades and Key West Florida to supplement our museums demonstrations and explore other cultural centers. Within our program we practice résumé writing, coordinate college visits, and lend a helping hand to various activities at Cincinnati Museum Center such as our many Culture Fests and the Learning Through Play conference.

As a youth volunteer you are required to attend and complete the new youth orientation and training sessions, these dates are enclosed with your application. You must also volunteer 5-15 hours a month during the school year, 5 -15 hours a week during the summer, and attend a monthly youth meeting on the third Wednesday of each month from 4:00–6:00 p.m. After one year of volunteering, accumulating 250 hours of participation, and meeting certain attendance percentages, you will be **eligible to apply** for various paid positions, which will be posted as they become available.

Cincinnati Museum Center is dedicated to providing educational and enjoyable opportunities for youth. If you have any questions please contact us. We look forward to receiving your application and discussing the opportunities open to you.

Sincerely,

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P.S. We will be hosting our annual family night March 9, 2012 from 6 to 8 p.m.; if you have questions about the program or just want to see us in action you are welcome to attend and see what we're all about! Please RSVP via email to kkloth@cincymuseum.org by March 1, 2012.