



Montshire Museum of Science

Volunteer Application

I am interested in the following volunteer opportunities (check as many as you'd like):

Program

- Explainer
- Museum Preschool*
- Magic Carpet

Exhibits

- Production and repairs
- Trails and landscaping

Museum Operations and Fundraising

- Public Relations
- Auction

Other

- _____
- Don't know, let's talk about what would work best

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Background (such as special skills, interests, previous work/volunteer experience, education): _____

I prefer volunteering a regular shift as a substitute, or on an occasional basis

Dates Available (Check One)

- Ongoing
- Seasonal: _____
- From _____ to _____

Times available

- Afternoons
- Mornings
- Flexible

Other details (if applicable)

Please list two personal or professional references (include name, phone number, and e-mail address.)

How did you learn of volunteer opportunities at the Montshire? _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes No

If yes, please explain the nature of the offense, timeframe, sentence imposed, and type of rehabilitation.

(This does not necessarily disqualify you from volunteering.)

* The Montshire requires a background check for all preschool staff and volunteers.



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Volunteer Opportunities

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at the Montshire. Volunteers play an integral role at the Museum, and they are very much appreciated—by staff and visitors alike.

There are many types of volunteer opportunities at the Montshire, ranging from working in the galleries with the public to contributing behind the scenes. Some of the positions are seasonal, others ongoing. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact our volunteer coordinator at 802-649-2200 x218 or volunteer@montshire.org.

Program Volunteers

Explainers interact with visitors to enhance their experience at the Museum. Explainers greet groups, demonstrate exhibits, lead informal science activities, and more. Explaining is ideal for individuals who enjoy working with the public, appreciate children, and can work independently. Initial and ongoing training is provided by Museum educators. Time commitment: 3 hours/weekly.

Preschool volunteers work with a staff teacher to introduce science to young children through fun activities and experiments in the physical and natural sciences. This opportunity is ideal for enthusiastic adults who love to work with young children and have energy and stamina to support active learning experiences. Time commitment: 3 hours/week on Wednesday mornings and/or afternoons.

Magic Carpet volunteers organize the popular Magic Carpet Luncheon series, featuring travelogues and regionally inspired meals. Volunteers line up speakers, select authentic menus, prepare meals, set-up and serve at the Museum, and coordinate reservations. Time commitment: 6-10 hours/luncheon; typically from October to March.

Exhibits Volunteers

Production and repairs volunteers help with building, painting, maintaining and fixing exhibits. Experience with carpentry, power tools, and machinery helpful. Time commitment: Flexible; regular schedule preferred.

Trails and landscaping volunteers help with trail maintenance and special plantings. Volunteers with plant identification skills may assist with plant labeling. Time commitment: Varies.

Museum Operations and Fundraising

Public relations volunteers work on a variety of projects as needed. Possibilities include photographing events and exhibits, staffing special events, updating database information, and archiving photos. Periodically, volunteers may help create interesting, accurate, and engaging content for Museum publications or the Montshire Minute radio spot. Time commitment: Varies.

Auction volunteers provide leadership and creativity to make the Museum's principal fundraiser a success, year after year. Opportunities include procuring auction items and helping out on the night of the event. Time commitment: Varies; primarily from January to May.