Blank Park Zoo
Animal Care Intern Application

Please complete this application form if you are interested in becoming a Blank Park Zoo Animal Care Intern. Late and incomplete applications are not accepted or reviewed.

Application Deadlines: Spring: November 1  Summer: March 1  Fall: July 1

GENERAL INFORMATION:

_________________________________________  ___________________  ___________________  ______/____/____
First Name  Middle Initial  Last Name  Birth Date

________________________________________________________________________
Address  City  State  Zip Code

(_____)__________________  ______________________
Cell Number  E-Mail

Current School: ___________________________  Year & Major: ___________________________

I understand I must be currently enrolled in college and receiving college credit for this internship: ______

Please Initial

Have you ever been convicted of a serious misdemeanor or felony crime?  ____ No  ____ Yes
If yes, what and where?

I would like to apply for the following Internship Season:  ____ Spring  ____ Summer  ____ Fall

In the following area: Please indicate your preference (1 – most interested to 6 least interested)

Please note: Your application will be given to your 1st choice team but during the process applications may be passed around for other teams to review.

____ Aquatics  ____ Avian/Reptiles  ____ Carnivores/Primates

____ Education  ____ Large Mammal-Hoof stock  ____ Small Mammals/Kids Kingdom

What are the top 3 reasons you want to be an intern at Blank Park Zoo?

____ To gain experience in the field  ____ To give back to the community

____ To meet new people  ____ To work around the animals & plants

What other internships have you been involved with? _______________________________________________________

What size t-shirt do you wear? (Adult sizes)  ____ S  ____ M  ____ L  ____ XL  ____ XXL  ____ XXXL

How did you find out about us? In an effort to mainstream our recruitment process, please tell us what brought you to this application. Please check all that apply.

____ Advertised at school  ____ Advertised by a current volunteer  ____ Advised by a staff member

____ BPZ Facebook  ____ BPZ Twitter  ____ BPZ Website

____ AZA website  ____ School Career Page  ____ Visited the Zoo

References: Please indicate two people (no relatives) we may contact as a reference

Name: ___________________________  Name: ___________________________

Relationship: ___________________________  Relationship: ___________________________

Phone Number: ___________________________  Phone Number: ___________________________

Email Address: ___________________________  Email Address: ___________________________

Return Application, Cover Letter, & Resume to: Christine Eckles, Director of Volunteers & Guest Engagement,
Blank Park Zoo, 7401 SW 9th St, Des Moines, IA 50315
What would you like to learn and gain experience with as an Animal Care Intern at BPZ?

Describe a Zoo Keeper’s role at an accredited Zoo:

Describe your previous animal care experience:

Please check animals you may live or work with:

____ Dogs  ____ Cats  ____ Fish  ____ Reptiles; Species: __________________

____ Livestock; Species: __________________  ____ Birds; Species: __________________  ____ Other:

I am available: Please list times you are available if possible: Interns need to be available between 7:00am – 4:00pm to complete required hours for internship. Please review internship description for more information.

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What are some skills you can offer to the zoo? Circle any that apply:

Carpentry  Construction  Welding Experience  Horticulture

Animal Care Experience  Public Speaking  Experience working with teens  Other:

LIABILITY RELEASE
In consideration of being permitted to be a Blank Park Zoo Volunteer and participate in functions, activities, projects and work as a Volunteer, I do hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND HOLD HARMLESS the Blank Park Zoo, the Blank Park Zoo Foundation, the City of Des Moines, Iowa and all their employees, officers, agents, boards, and commissions from any liability, claims, damages or demands for personal injury or property damage that may be incurred by the undersigned while acting as a Blank Park Zoo Volunteer.

AUTHORIZATION
I certify that the above information is true and correct and give authorization for investigation of all statements and information contained in this application, my resume, and other documents or verbally obtained during an interview. I voluntarily consent to allow Blank Park Zoo or any of its representatives or agents to check my references by contacting any persons, company or governmental entity they deem to be an appropriate reference. I understand these questions may pertain to my personal or educational background, work experience, character and behavior. I understand my work as a volunteer is subject to satisfactory verifications of this information and agree that deliberate falsification of this document or significant omissions shall be grounds for dismissal, if discovered at a later date. I pledge, if appointed as a volunteer, to comply with the guidelines of conduct and company policies and procedures of the Blank Park Zoo.

Signature of Applicant_______________________________________  Date____________________________

PHOTO RELEASE
I hereby certify that I, or my agent, have every right to contract in my own name, and I hereby give and irrevocable grant to the Blank Park Zoo Foundation free and unlimited right and permission to use, sell, distribute, publish and republish, televise or broadcast, and to copyright, for any and all news, trade, publicity and commercial or other advertising purposes, slides, photographs, pictures, movies, audio or videotapes and photographic prints of me and/or recordings of my voice, and any with such additions, alterations, editing or changes therein as Blank Park Zoo Foundation and may in their discretion of any of them, make or authorize, and to sell, use, distribute, broadcast, publish and republish, and/or rebroadcast the same, either separately or together with my name or a fictitious name, my address, title and affiliation. I also certify that I am familiar with the products and/or endorse such products and/or services.

Signature of Applicant_______________________________________  Date____________________________

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