



OREGON NATIONAL
PRIMATE
Research Center

**Science Ambassadors Program
2022-2023 School Year**

**HIGH SCHOOL MENTOR
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS & COVER SHEET**

Deadline for application: 11:59 p.m., October 17, 2022

IMPORTANT!!! Read before you proceed!

The *Science Ambassadors* program requires a commitment of 8-12 hours each month at a minimum. During the 2022-2023 school year we will meet at the Oregon National Primate Research Center on **Wednesdays, from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.**, from November 2, 2022 – May 17, 2023. A *mandatory meeting* will be held on Saturday, November 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., and the *mandatory* Year-End Celebration event will require your presence from 4:00 – 8:30 p.m. on May 17, 2023.

Your weekly participation is of critical importance to the success of our program. “Mentees” (and their parents) consistently rank the relationship with the high school mentor as the single most important aspect of the program! Equally critical, your fellow mentors depend on your input as we develop and practice activities to present to the mentees.

Because of the importance of attendance to the success of our program, we ask that every mentor applicant indicate agreement with the following attendance policy by signing below (*please refer to the 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule to ensure that you are able to honor this commitment*):

By signing below, I agree to:

- ***Arrive to all meetings on time;***
- ***Miss 3 or fewer meetings during the 2022-2023 school year;***
- ***Attend 3 mandatory meetings:***
 - New Mentor Orientation meeting (Saturday, October 29, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)***
 - The Introductory Meeting for Mentees (Sat., Nov. 19, from 10:00 a.m.– 2:45 p.m.)***
 - The Final Celebration (Wednesday, May 17, from 4:00 – 8:30 p.m.)***

***If you are unable to attend these meetings, please do not apply!
(Mandatory means you MUST attend!)***

(Print Name)

(Sign Name)

(Date)

*All applicants will be informed of their status no later than Thursday, October 20.
Semi-finalists will be interviewed on Wednesday, October 26, between 4 and 8 p.m.*

If selected, I can be available for an interview on Wednesday, October 26. _____

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High School MENTOR Application

Thank you for your interest in the Oregon National Primate Research Center's *Science Ambassador* program. To help us with the important task of mentor selection, please tell us a little about yourself:

Name: _____ Preferred Nickname: _____

Gender (circle one): Male Female Other

Pronouns: _____

Address: _____

School: _____

Year in School: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

e-mail you will agree to check **regularly**: _____

Race (check all that are applicable):

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Hispanic of any race
- White/Caucasian
- Asian - Eastern
- Asian - Indian
- Mixed Race
- Other _____
- Prefer not to say

Please tell us about yourself, and about your interest in this program, by answering the following questions:

1. Have you previously applied to be a mentor in this program? Yes No

2. Did you participate as a 5th grader "mentee" in this program? Yes No

3. How did you learn about *Science Ambassadors*?

former/current *Science Ambassador* (Name: _____)

friend

parent

website

Other _____

teacher

4. What do you hope to gain from participating in the *Science Ambassadors* program (i.e. what are your goals for your participation in this program)?

5. This is a science *mentorship* program (with emphasis on mentorship!). Developing a strong, one-on-one relationship with a 5th grader is a primary goal of this program. What would you do, specifically, to develop this relationship?

6. Describe your ideal mentee:

7. What skills and personality traits should a great mentor possess?

8. What knowledge, skills, and/or abilities will you bring to the program (include IT skills, artistic abilities, photography, organizational skills, etc.)?

9. What personal habits/qualities might you need to modify in order to contribute positively to the *Science Ambassadors* program (i.e, shyness, tardiness, etc.), and how do you propose to address these issues?

10. Describe your past leadership experiences.

11. Describe your experiences working with younger children.

12. Describe a situation that you have had to adapt to and tell how you exhibited flexibility.

13. What are some achievements of which you are particularly proud (again, these do not have to be related to science)?

14. What extracurricular activities do you plan to participate in during the 2022-2023 school year?

15. We have attempted whenever possible to build our schedule so that it does not conflict with important exams in your life. However, the final meetings in May are mandatory events. We expect you to prepare for your exams in a way that will allow you to attend these meetings. If a conflict arises in your schedule, please describe below how you will resolve it so that your commitment to *Science Ambassadors* is appropriately prioritized (include conflicts with other extra-curricular activities, studying for exams, etc.).

16. Is there anything else you would like us to know about you that would be relevant to our selection process?

17. All mentors are required to present a hand-made sock monkey to their mentee on graduation night (Wednesday, May 17). This is a **SECRET** gift, so please do not discuss it in front of the mentees. If you are not handy with a needle and thread, you need to make friends with someone who is. By initialing here, you are agreeing to provide this gift to your mentee. ***Sock monkeys must be completed and delivered to the Primate Center by Wednesday, May 10!!!***

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All participants will receive a tee-shirt. So that we can proceed with the order in a timely way, please circle your (adult) tee-shirt size.

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Please also provide **an unofficial transcript** and **2 letters of recommendation** from individuals who are not related to you. At least one of these letters should be from a current/former teacher. Others may come from coaches, employers, etc. Questions? Contact Diana Gordon at (503) 346-5055 or by e-mail (gordondi@ohsu.edu)

Return COVER SHEET and all APPLICATION MATERIALS to Diana Gordon by Thursday, October 17, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. in any of the following ways:

- By email: gordondi@ohsu.edu
- In person: Drop off at the front gate to ONPRC
- By US mail: Address your envelope to:
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