High School MENTOR Application - Science Ambassadors Program
2018-2019 School Year

Deadline for application: 11:59 p.m., October 23, 2018

Return all application materials to:
Diana Gordon, Oregon National Primate Research Center
505 NW 185th Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97006
gordondi@ohsu.edu

Name: ___________________________ Preferred Nickname: ______________

Gender (circle one):     M     F     Non-binary     Prefer not to answer

Address: ________________________________________________________________

School: ________________________________________________________________

Year in School: __________________

Home Phone: ________________       Cell Phone: ________________

e-mail you will agree to check regularly: ______________________________________

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     □ teacher
   □ friend                              □ parent
   □ website                             □ Other ____________________________
4. Describe a memorable experience you have had in science/research, including any achievements of which you are especially proud.

5. 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)?

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

7. 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?

8. Describe your past leadership experiences. Have any of these been with younger students?

9. What extracurricular activities do you plan to participate in during the 2018-2019 school year?

10. 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 studying for exams, etc.).
11. All mentors are required to present a hand-made sock monkey to their mentee on graduation night (Wednesday, May 22). 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. Several of the other mentors and/or Student Directors are usually willing to sew sock monkeys for a very low price ($12.00). By initialing here, you are agreeing to provide this gift to your mentee. **Sock monkeys must be completed by Wednesday, May 15!!**

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12. The **Science Ambassadors** program requires a commitment of 8-12 hours each month at a minimum. We meet on **Wednesdays, from 3:30-6 p.m.**, from November 14, 2018 – May 22, 2019, except for one meeting that will be held on a Sunday, December 2, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. (scheduled so as to not conflict with the December 1 SAT exam), and the Year-End Celebration event, which will be held from 4:00 – 8:30 p.m. on May 22, 2019.

Your 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 2018-2019 Meeting Schedule to ensure that you are able to honor this commitment):

**By signing below, I agree to:**
- **Arrive to all meetings on time (no later than 3:30 p.m.);**
- **Miss 3 or fewer meetings during the 2018-2019 school year;**
- **Attend 2 mandatory meetings:**
  --The Introductory Meeting for Mentees (Sunday, December 2, from 9 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.)
  --The Final Celebration (Wednesday, May 22, 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 on the evening of October 24th. Semi-finalists will be interviewed on Monday, October 29.

**If selected, I can be available for an interview on Monday, October 29th.** __________ Initial here

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.

S  M  L  XL

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. Send all application materials early enough so that they **arrive by 11:59 p.m. (this includes electronic applications) on Tuesday, October 23, 2018** to: Diana Gordon, Education & Outreach Coordinator, Oregon National Primate Research Center, 505 NW 185th Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97006. Questions? Contact Diana Gordon at (503) 346-5055 or by e-mail (gordondi@ohsu.edu)