



Docent Program: Information for Applicants

The Penn State All-Sports Museum docents are a special kind of volunteer; they serve an important role in fulfillment of the museum's educational mission. They are thoroughly trained to lead our many visitors through the museum galleries and Beaver Stadium environment. They possess deep knowledge of the multifaceted history and legacy of Penn State's athletics programs, covering more than 30 different sports teams across 140+ years. The requirements to become a docent of the PSASM are as follows:

- **All applicants must pass a background check prior to beginning docent training classes.** Members of the docent corps must re-submit to background checks every 5 years, as well as annual mandatory reporter training and Clery Act training.
- All applicants must successfully complete the docent training course, which includes mock tours and a written exam.
- Applicants accepted into the docent corps must abide by the Penn State and ICA diversity and inclusion initiatives by giving guided tours to any and all museum visitors regardless of age, ability, race, ethnicity, religion, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, or fan affiliation.
- Upon successful completion of the training course, PSASM docents are expected to attend 70% of docent meetings throughout the year. Meetings are always on Monday mornings for about an hour. Docents may meet up to twice a month in late spring through the summer, and then once a month from the fall through winter seasons.
- Upon acceptance into the docent corps, PSASM docents are required to commit to no less than **a one-year term of service**, at a minimum of **25 service hours** per year. Service opportunities include guided tours, promotional events, and educational programming, both on campus and in the community. Service events average about 90 minutes, but can be longer or shorter.

Please consider all the information above before submitting your application.



Docent Program Application

Date: _____

Please print or type; you are welcome to use additional paper for any of your responses if that enables you to provide a complete answer.

Your Personal Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____ Shirt size: _____

Your Work/Volunteer Experience:

Please list and explain any work or volunteer experience you feel is relevant to the PSASM's docent program.

Your Additional Relevant Skills and Experience:

Our docents speak to a very wide range of group sizes - as small as 2 and as large as 60. Please share your experience with public speaking and presentation.

The PSASM is a popular destination for school and community group field trips for children of all ages. Please describe your experiences working with children.

What experience do you have in working with children and/or adults with special needs?

Your Interests and Perspectives:

How did you hear about the PSASM docent program?

In your own words, what is the purpose of the Penn State All-Sports Museum?

How do you feel about Penn State University, the Penn State Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, and the world of collegiate sports?

Please discuss your interest in becoming a docent at the Penn State All-Sports Museum. What do you hope to gain from your time here as a docent, and what do you feel you can uniquely contribute to our visitors' museum experience?

Docent class scheduling preferences:

Please indicate your preferences for scheduling the next docent training class.

I am able to begin docent training classes in:

February/March April/May June/July

I am available on the following days of the week:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

I prefer:

- 2 weeks of classes for four days a week
 8 weeks of classes once a week

Signature:

If accepted as a Penn State All-Sports Museum Docent, I agree to commit to at least one year of service, and a minimum of 25 hours of service per year. I understand that I am required to successfully complete the docent training program and submit to annual background checks, mandatory reporter training, and Clery Act training. I have read and hereby acknowledge my understanding of these requirements and essential functions and am therefore submitting my application for the Penn State All-Sports Museum Docent program.

Applicant's printed name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send your completed application to:

Lewis Lazarow,
Programming and Education Coordinator
Penn State All-Sports Museum
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To send your application by email:

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