



Student Docent Program: Information for Applicants

Docents are a special kind of volunteer; they serve an important role in fulfillment of our museum's educational mission. 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, and are thoroughly trained to guide visitors through the museum galleries and Beaver Stadium environment. The requirements to become a docent of the PSASM are as follows:

- **Students from all academic concentrations are encouraged to apply; no background in history, sports, or museum studies is required.**
- **All applicants must pass a background check prior to beginning docent training classes, as well as annual mandatory reporter training.**
- All applicants must successfully complete the student docent training course.
- Applicants accepted into the student 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.
- Student docent corps members will meet together for an hour once a month throughout the academic year. They are also encouraged (but not required) to attend the regular docent corps meetings (held once a month, usually at 9am on the third Monday).
- Upon acceptance into the student docent corps, members are expected to commit to **a seven-month term of service**, at a minimum of **12 service hours** per year. Service opportunities include guided tours, promotional events, and educational programming, both on campus and in the community. Service events average 60-90 minutes but can be longer or shorter.
- Student docent corps members will serve in partnership with members of the museum's regular docents.
- Student docent corps members are encouraged to create original thematic tour experiences to add to the museum's program offerings.

Please consider all the information above before submitting your application.



Student 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 Experience:

List and explain any work, volunteer, and leadership experience you feel is relevant to the work of the PSASM's student docent program. Please emphasize the following where applicable:

- (a) your experiences working with children of varied ages,
- (b) your experiences working with special-needs populations, and
- (c) your experiences and comfort level with public speaking and presentation.

Your Interests and Perspectives:

How did you hear about the PSASM student docent program?

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

The PSASM isn't merely a repository for win-loss records, old photos, and trophies; we provide our visitors with the opportunity to look at where Penn State Athletics is and where it is going, based on understanding where it has been. Please discuss what you consider to be the most pressing issue currently facing the world of collegiate sports.

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

Docent class scheduling preferences:

Please indicate your preferences for scheduling student docent training class sessions.

I am able to attend student docent training classes:

5-6pm 6-7pm 7-8pm 8-9pm

I am available on the following days of the week:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Signature:

If accepted as a Penn State All-Sports Museum Student Docent, I agree to commit to at least 10 months of service, and a minimum of 12 hours of service per year. I understand that I am required to successfully complete the student docent training program and submit to the required background checks and mandatory reporter 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 Student 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
1 Beaver Stadium
University Park, PA 16802

To send your application by email:

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