



Summer 2025 Junior Volunteer (JV) Application

This application must be submitted with the required project no later than **May 1st, 2025**. Important program information is included on page 2. Please complete all signatures on the back of this application.

ALL INFORMATION BELOW IS REQUIRED! PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Name: _____ Parent Name: _____

Address: _____ Parent Phone: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email: _____ Parent Email: _____

Phone: _____ List of Persons Allowed to Pick Up JV:

Date of Birth: _____ 1. _____

Allergies: _____ 2. _____

Shirt Size (Adult): _____ 3. _____

Please circle which days you would **prefer**: Tues/Thurs Wed/Fri No Preference

Please note any vacations/unavailable dates: _____

Do you have any experience with animals? _____ If yes, please describe: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

When you submit this application, you must also turn in ONE of the following projects:

1. Art Project:
 - a. Must be done on either canvas or a poster board using paint, colored pencils, crayons, pencil, marker, or cut out photos.
 - b. You can choose either "Adopt Don't Shop" or "Spay and Neuter" as your theme.
2. Essay
 - a. 1000-word essay in Times New Roman 12-point font.
 - b. You can choose either "Why Shelters Are Important" or "Why Spaying/Neutering is Important" as your theme.

Projects become the property of APL and may be selected to be auctioned or sold at APL fundraising events

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Date Received: _____ Project: _____ Fee: _____ Orientation: _____

JV PROGRAM INFORMATION

- The program kicks off Saturday, June 21st, 2025 with a cookout for JVs, their parents, JV Mentors, JV Leads, and APL Staff.
- The program officially begins Tuesday, June 24th, 2025 and ends Friday, July 18th, 2025. There will be an Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, July 23rd, 2025.
- Volunteers will participate **two (2) days per week** Tuesday through Friday from **8:30am to 12:30pm**.
- There will be two JV fundraisers throughout the summer. JVs are required to participate in at least one. These fundraisers are on Saturdays, additional information will be provided after acceptance into the program.
- You must be **12-15 years old** ON Tuesday, June 24th, 2025 to participate in this program. JVs who turn 16 during the program will be accepted.
- ART/ESSAY PROJECTS: Don't stress! Be creative!
- SPACE IS LIMITED. This is APL's eleventh year offering the summer Junior Volunteer Program. While the program has grown each year, unfortunately our building size has not. We must limit the program **to 30-40 participants**. Applying, even by the **May 1st deadline**, does NOT guarantee your participation in this program. Having participated in the JV program in previous years does NOT guarantee your participation this year. If APL receives more applicants than we can accommodate, JVs will be accepted in the order COMPLETE applications were received. Make sure you send in your application as soon as possible!
- If you are accepted into the program, you will be required to attend an orientation with one parent or legal guardian. There will be several dates to choose from. **You will receive acceptance information by May 15th, 2025.**
- ALL PROGRAM FEES WILL BE DUE AT ORIENTATION (dates TBD). This **\$95** fee includes t-shirt(s), name badge and helps to purchase additional supplies needed. **DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FEE WITH YOUR APPLICATION.**
 - o If the program fee would create a financial hardship for your family, please reach out to APL's Volunteer Coordinator at (217) 544-7387 x227 or volunteer@apl-shelter.org about financial aid options.
- INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. An application is considered incomplete if any information, signatures, or the required project is missing.

Please initial after each statement.

If accepted as an APL Junior Volunteer, I promise to always follow APL rules, listen to JV Shift Leads, JV Mentors, and APL Staff. _____

I will work hard and treat everyone at APL with respect and kindness. _____

I will stay on task and support my fellow JVs. _____

I promise to always treat the animals with care and compassion. _____

By signing below, I state that I have completed my application in its entirety and that all information is correct. I will be between 12 and 15 years of age on **June 24th, 2025**. I have read and understand all the information on this page.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date