



# HORIZONS<sup>®</sup>

The Ethel Walker School



Horizons at The Ethel Walker School

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**Summer 2021**

**VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

**Application Deadline: Friday, April 9th, 2021**

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- \* Horizons volunteers must have completed at least 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- \* All volunteers are required to sign the Code of Conduct.
- \* All volunteers must attend one orientation meeting.
- \* All volunteers must receive permission from their parent or guardian via signature on this application

Email this completed application to [phyatt@my.ethelwalker.org](mailto:phyatt@my.ethelwalker.org) no later than 5:00pm on April 9th, 2021

**Summary:** Horizons offers students volunteer opportunities to not only provide an important community service, but to also learn the basics of working with children while having fun. Volunteers will assist Lead Teachers and Teaching Assistants with children and participate in Horizons throughout the Summer Program. Each volunteer will be assigned a classroom to work in throughout the program. A typical day will include a variety of activities, such as, breakfast/lunch, academics, computers, arts & crafts, swimming and other sports. At the end of their time at Horizons, volunteers will be asked to submit a written summary including a brief personal reflection regarding their community service experience at Horizons. If you are accepted to volunteer at Horizons, a parental signature will be required.

### Job Description

The Summer Program will run for six weeks, starting July 6th to August 13th, 2020. Volunteers **must commit** to a regular schedule and daily assignments(s). Please give careful thought to your availability during this time. **Volunteering for Horizons is an exciting commitment that should be met with a sense of professionalism and dedication.** Please submit your preferred volunteer schedule, choosing from the options provided on page 5 of this application. Horizons will ultimately set the volunteer schedule based on the needs of the program and the summer calendar. You will be contacted **in April** as to your acceptance into the Horizons Volunteer Program and to confirm plans and receive your work schedule.



### COVID Impact

The COVID-19 pandemic has made the inequities in our education system painfully apparent and many of our families have been affected by this. Now, more than ever, our students need access to opportunities to help them close the achievement gap. Last summer, Horizons at The Ethel Walker School ensured that our students had the resources to succeed in remote learning through learning supplies, internet-enabled devices, grocery items and gift cards, and access to Horizons teachers for private tutoring. This summer, we intend to do the same!

As of now, we have not made a final decision on our program model for this summer. Closer to May/June, we hope that we will decide whether we will be fully virtual, hybrid, or fully in-person. We will continue to keep you informed as we know more. For now, we continue to start planning for returning students, families as well as our staff and volunteers. **\*\*Please note that if we operate in person, we will enforce social distancing practices, mask-wearing and health and safety protocol. That information will be distributed and discussed during the volunteer orientation in June.**

### BENEFITS:

- Documentation for scholarship applications and graduation requirements
- School volunteer credit

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### Section 1 / Personal Information

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/guardian email: \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about our volunteer program?

Have you volunteered for Horizons previously  Yes  No

In which ways can you participate in the program? Virtual \_\_\_\_\_ In person \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 2 / Experience

### Previous Community Service Experience

### Academic and extra-curricular areas of interest

**Special skills:** (knowledge of computers, foreign language proficiency, ability to coach a sport, musical instrument, etc.)

**Section 3 / Reflection**

*Feel free to learn more about Horizons by visiting our websites at: [www.horizonsethelwalker.org](http://www.horizonsethelwalker.org) and [horizonsnational.org](http://horizonsnational.org)*

**Why is volunteering and community service important to you, and what do you expect to gain from your volunteer experience at Horizons? If you have volunteered with Horizons before, please explain your favorite part and why you would like to return.**

**Section 4 / References**

Please list 2 references not related to you, whom you have known at least for 1 year:  
One reference should be a current teacher.

NAME	PHONE	EMAIL	NATURE OF RELATIONSHIP
1.			
2.			

**Section 5 / Summer Schedule Preference and Availability**



**REGULAR PROGRAM VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE SECTION**

**Note:** Horizons encourages applicants to consider their schedules and if possible to apply for the 6 week volunteer session. The following are the volunteer schedule choices:

- 6 Week Session Monday- Friday 8:00am – 3:35pm
- 3 Week Session Monday- Friday 8:00am – 3:35pm
- 2 Week Session Monday- Friday 8:00am – 3:35pm

Day(s) / time(s) I am available to volunteer: Please check one from the following options (you have the option to choose two of the two-week sessions for a total of four weeks:

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|--|--|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full 6 Week Program | <b>July 6th - Aug 13th</b>                       | Monday- Friday 8:00am – 3:35pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First 3 Weeks       | <b>July 6th - July 23rd</b>                      | Monday- Friday 8:00am – 3:35pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Last 3 Weeks        | <b>July 26th -Aug 13th</b>                       | Monday- Friday 8:00am – 3:35pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Week Session A    | <b>July 6th - July 16th</b>                      | Monday- Friday 8:00am – 3:35pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Week Session B    | <b>July 19<sup>th</sup>-July 30<sup>th</sup></b> | Monday- Friday 8:00am – 3:35pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Week Session C    | <b>Aug 2nd-Aug 13<sup>th</sup></b>               | Monday- Friday 8:00am – 3:35pm |

**Volunteer Orientation Date: \*One session during week of  
June 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am- 2pm  
\*Exact date TBD**

***Understanding of Volunteer***

I understand that this application is no guarantee of placement as a Horizons Volunteer. If selected, I will attend each day I am assigned. I understand that I must sign and return the Volunteer Code of Conduct form to be accepted as a volunteer.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Parental Understanding and Consent**

I understand that this application is no guarantee of placement as a Horizon Volunteer. If selected, I will ensure that my child attends the program each day she/he is assigned. I understand that my child will be participating in swimming and other sports, unless excused by a written physician’s note, and that my child may attend field trips with the Horizons program. I also agree that photos/videos of my child may be used for program promotion and understand that my child might be identified by name.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Thank you for applying to volunteer at Horizons!***