

What is the Professional Science Council?

The Science Zone's high school Professional Science Council serves two purposes: 1) to enhance the experience of our visitors through high quality, enriching programming; and 2) to provide training for valuable professional skills in communication, customer services, and leadership, and to deepen the scientific knowledge of science council members. The training enables these individuals to do their jobs, serve the visitors well, and provides them with valuable knowledge and skills that they can use in their education and careers beyond the Science Zone.

What is an Explainer?

Professional Science Council members work with visitors and participate in museum operations during afternoons, weekends, and summers. They answer questions, give demonstrations, and model ways of interacting with the exhibits. After every 15 hours served, members will be eligible to receive a \$75 stipend. Hours can be accrued by leading birthday parties, assisting with summer camps, helping with monthly events like open houses, and outreach. Members can serve up to 30 hours per month during the school year and 60 hours per month in the summer. Members are expected to promote the mission and vision of The Science Zone and are expected to work with the same professional standards as an employee.

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for individuals with diverse skills, backgrounds, and interests that have a passion for learning new things and working with others.

Required Qualifications:

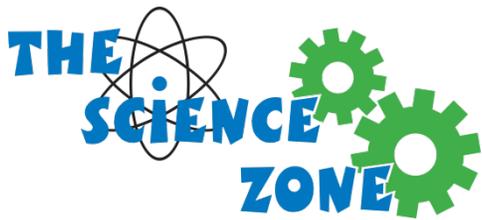
- Must be currently enrolled in high school
- Must be interested in working with people within a museum structure
- Must have a strong work ethic, be punctual, and have good communication skills
- Must be able to follow instructions and be able to work both independently or on a team
- Must be personable with good attention to customer service
- Must have an open mind to learning new ideas
- An interest in science, engineering, or technology are preferred but not required

How to apply:

Please fill out the attached information form, at least 1 letter of reference from someone who is not a family member, and a typed cover letter that includes responses to the following questions:

1. Why do you want to be a member of the Professional Science Council at The Science Zone?
2. What do you consider to be your most valuable strengths?
3. What is your experience with public speaking and how confident do you feel about your ability to speak publicly?
4. How does S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) fit into your future plans?
5. What do you feel are your weaknesses and how are you working to improve on them?

Email all application materials to leah.ritz@thesciencezone.org.



Date: _____

Professional Science Council Information Form

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Clubs, other affiliations and organizations you belong to:

Personal Interests, Hobbies, and Additional Information:

Availability: _____

Science Zone Housekeeping Front Desk Animal Care Programs
areas of interest: Exhibit Construction One-time Events

Emergency Contact Information:

Name 1: _____ Name 2: _____

Phone # 1: _____ Phone # 2: _____

Relationship: _____ Relationship: _____

The mission of the Science Zone is to inspire the mind, to delight the senses and to ignite a passion for the technical arts and sciences. We provide high-interest, hands-on learning experiences for all ages through innovative exhibits, programs, and outreach making informal science education an integral part of our patrons' lives. Volunteers are a vital part of The Science Zone's programming and are expected to uphold the mission of The Science Zone and to work towards achieving its goals and vision.