

# CALLING ALL TEENS!

Do you love plants and nature?

Do you need to complete service hours?

Join the SAGE Service Program!



## What is SAGE?

**SAGE = Students as Garden Educators**

In this program, you will work with staff to help Children's Garden visitors learn about habitats, plants we eat, and more. You will plant seeds of knowledge and inspire others to enjoy nature!

## What are the benefits?

- Improve public speaking and teaching skills
- Enhance college and job applications
- Meet students from other schools
- Learn about plants and nature
- Earn 50 service hours

## When can I volunteer?

**May–October, 7 days a week**

10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. (lunch break included)

Evening hours 2:30–7 p.m. on Wednesday nights during the Whitaker Concert Series.

## How do I apply?

Fill out the following application and mail to the specified address.

**Applications due by Monday, April 30, 2012.**



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN



# SAGE Service Program Application

May through October 2012



## BASIC STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Shirt Size:  Small  Medium  Large  XL  XXL

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Does your school require service hours for graduation?  Yes  No If yes, how many hours? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a returning SAGE Student?  Yes  No

If not, where did you learn about the SAGE Program? \_\_\_\_\_

## STUDENT SCHEDULING

Please check the days that you prefer to volunteer each week. (Check up to *three* days.)

Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday  Saturday  Sunday

Please check the shift that you prefer to work each week. (Shifts include a 30 minute break)

- 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (available everyday)
- 2:30 – 7 p.m. (available Wednesdays during the Whitaker Concert Series)

## **SAGE SERVICE PROGRAM: STUDENT ESSAY**

Please respond to the following prompts and attach with your application.

1. List past volunteer or job experiences in which you had to interact with the public, work with children, teach others, or work outside. What was your most positive experience?

2. Describe your interests, hobbies and talents.

3. Explain why you are interested in the SAGE Service Program and what you hope to gain from the experience.

4. If the SAGE Program offered a once a week session (1 hour) for you to learn more about plant/nature based themes, would you take advantage of that opportunity?  Yes  No

If yes, what three topics would you want to learn more about? \_\_\_\_\_

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## STUDENT REFERENCE

Please list one of your current teachers that we may contact as a reference. Make sure to ask their permission beforehand!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## STUDENT AGREEMENT

I understand that my participation in the SAGE Service Program requires that I:

- Attend one of the following four-hour SAGE orientations offered. Please select your preferred date.
  - Sunday, May 6, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  - Saturday, May 12, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  - I am unable to attend either of these dates. *If you have a conflict and are unable to attend either orientation date, please check here. You will be contacted to arrange an alternative date.*
- Volunteer at least 50 hours from May through October 2012.
- Arrive on-time and prepared for each volunteer shift.
- Act in a professional and respectful manner at all times during my volunteer service and while on Garden grounds.
- Fulfill the SAGE guidelines (to be outlined in the orientation) in order to complete the program.

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

## PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have read and understand the above requirements of the SAGE Service Program. I acknowledge the commitment that \_\_\_\_\_ (student's name) has made to the SAGE Service Program at the Missouri Botanical Garden.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your completed application to:

Missouri Botanical Garden  
ATTN: Education, SAGE Service Program  
P.O. Box 299  
St. Louis, MO 63166-0299

Applications for the 2012 season  
are due by Monday, April 30, 2012.

Questions? Please e-mail [sage.service@mobot.org](mailto:sage.service@mobot.org) or call (314) 577-0850.

