

Volunteer Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at Discovery World! We have been focusing on inspiring students and adults for over 30 years. Through your help, we make science and technology accessible to over 300,000 people per year. As a volunteer, you are the face of an engaging, community-focused mission!

Who May Volunteer at Discovery World?

- Individuals ages 15 or older. Minors require Parent or Guardian permission.
 - Volunteer Scuba Divers, and Volunteer Crew Members aboard Discovery World's tall ship, the Sailing Vessel (S/V) *Denis Sullivan* must be age 18 or older.
- Those seeking community service hours for school or county.
- Any individual with a passion for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, and desire to give back to the Milwaukee Area community!

Do you offer opportunities for volunteers under age 15?

- Volunteers ages 14 and younger are welcome when accompanied by a parent or guardian. We love having the help of families who wish to spend time together while giving back to the community!

How often will I be required to volunteer?

- Discovery World offers commitments from one day, to long term:
 - *Special Event* – Join us for one day, or a few days throughout the year, through our Special Event opportunities, such as handing out candy during Halloween Members Night.
 - *Short Term* – Temporary or seasonal commitment of 3 months – typically a minimum of one 3.5 hour shift, weekly or bi-weekly. We ask that you volunteer at least once per month to remain a current volunteer.
 - *Long Term* – Become a part of the Discovery World family, with a commitment of 6 months or more.
 - *Summer Camp* – Become a Summer Camp teaching assistant for one of our exciting week long camps, June through August! Minimum one week commitment, Monday-Friday, 9 AM – 4:30 PM.

I'd like to volunteer! What's the next step?

1. Please explore Discovery World's current volunteer opportunities on our [website](http://www.discoveryworld.org), and follow the application instructions for your chosen role. Unsure of which volunteer opportunity will best fit your interests and schedule? Please complete a Volunteer Application, and return to the Volunteer Manager via email, mail or fax:
 - *Email:* volunteer@discoveryworld.org
 - *Mail:* Discovery World, Attn: Volunteer, 500 North Harbor Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53202
 - *Fax:* 414.765.0311
2. Following the submission of your application materials, you will be contacted by the Volunteer Manager to schedule a 40 minute orientation, and/or tour of available volunteer opportunities.

3. All volunteers will be required to complete a Waiver and Background Check form, provided by Discovery World, prior to beginning volunteer service.
4. Following your choice of a Volunteer Role, you will be invited to schedule a Training Session. Training length dependent on role, usually ranging from 30 minutes to 4 hours.

What are the benefits of volunteering at Discovery World?

- The warm fuzzy feeling of giving back to your community, as well as:

Active Volunteers
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free parking (upon availability) and admission same day• Member pricing for labs, classes, tours and programs (for personal use)• Discount in Café same day• Discount in Gift Shop same day (excludes Special Events volunteers)• Discount on Membership
50+ Hours in Calendar Year
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eligibility for special Volunteer Appreciation events• Two free tickets (per year)
100+ Hours in Calendar Year
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free Individual Membership• 2 Free Day Sails aboard the <i>S/V Denis Sullivan</i> (based on availability)
150+ Hours in Calendar Year
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free Family Membership