



**Zoo ALIVE!  
Active Leaders In Volunteer Education  
Recommendation Form**

**Recommendation Form Deadline: (Received By) February 15th.**

*The applicant below is applying for Zoo ALIVE, the Saint Louis Zoo's year-long volunteer educator program for high school age students. We are seeking mature, responsible teens with an aptitude for leadership. Applicants should enjoy working with children, and should be interested in animals and conservation. Zoo ALIVE volunteers are required to lead discussions and demonstrate activities to groups of children and adults, so good communication skills are a must.*

*We would appreciate your candid responses, which will be kept confidential. If you have any questions regarding the program, please email zooalive@stlzoo.org. Thank you for your valuable time and assistance. This program is very important to us and your comments aid us in selecting a diverse and committed group of youth.*

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization or Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone: (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Other) \_\_\_\_\_

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**1. In what capacity and for how long have you known the applicant?**

**2. Which best describes the applicant's style of interaction (choose all that apply)?**

- Accommodating  Assertive  Calm  Excitable  Low-key  Mixer  Observant  Self-assured  Solitary

**Please explain your choice(s):**

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3. Do you know of any special interests, qualities, abilities, or experiences of this applicant which would be helpful for us to know about?

4. Please evaluate the applicant.

1 = Below Average, 2 = Fair, 3 = Average, 4 = Good, 5 = Excellent, 6 = Outstanding, U= Unknown

Oral Communication Skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
Common Sense	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
Curiosity	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
Creativity	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
Dependability	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
Sense of Responsibility	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
Self Motivation	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
Perseverance	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
Ability to Work Independently	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
Reaction to Criticism	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
Regard for Authority	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
Regard for Rules	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
Cooperation	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
Flexibility	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
Sensitivity to Feelings of Others	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
Behavior in a Group	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
Ability to Follow Directions	1	2	3	4	5	6	U
Problem Solving Skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	U

5. I recommend this applicant to the Saint Louis Zoo Zoo ALIVE Teen Volunteer Program with:

- great enthusiasm       confidence       some confidence       reservation       I do not recommend

Please elaborate:

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

When completed:

Please seal this form in an envelope, sign it across the seal, and return to the applicant to send in with their application.

Or: You may mail the completed recommendation form (received by) February 15th to:  
Zoo ALIVE Coordinator, Education, Saint Louis Zoo, One Government Drive, St. Louis, MO 63110

You may also confidentially email this form no later than February 15th to [zoolive@stlzoo.org](mailto:zoolive@stlzoo.org). Thank you!