

## **Lubbock Aquarium Student Ambassador Program**

Lubbock Aquarium, Inc. is currently taking applications for students to serve as Lubbock Aquarium Student Ambassadors (LASA) for the 2018-2019 school year. We recognize how integral the children of our community will be to the success of the aquarium, and wish to provide an opportunity for the voices of our local youth to be heard as the aquarium becomes a reality. The program is also designed to create community involvement and leadership opportunities within area schools.

### **Goals of the LASA Program:**

- Foster enthusiasm for the Lubbock Aquarium within area schools
- Create leadership opportunities for LASA participants and their school committees
- Complete a conservation, education, or philanthropy project as it relates to the aquarium
- Provide input on aquarium exhibits
- Provide input on and participate in the creation and design of educational programs
- Provide input on and participate in the creation and design of conservation initiatives
- Provide input on and participate in the design and planning of aquarium events

Each Student Ambassador is expected to form a committee of interested peers at their school to complete the goals of the LASA program, and to hold regular meetings throughout the school year. Each LASA member (and their subsequent school-formed committee) will be partnered with mentors from the Lubbock Aquarium leadership who will give guidance on how to conduct meetings and help handle any issues or concerns that may arise during the program.

### **Requirements for joining LASA:**

- Students entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade-12<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to apply
- Applicants must completely fill out the application form and submit it by the stated deadline
- Applicants must have an adult sponsor and approval of school
- Applicants must submit a reference letter from an individual that is not an immediate family member
- Should be in good academic standing
- Should be able to organize and attend monthly Student Ambassador meetings within school
- Should be willing and able to serve for 1-year term, option to serve consecutive terms
- Should support the initiative of bringing an aquarium to Lubbock
- Should volunteer with at least two aquarium events for a minimum of 4 hours total
- Should attend Student Leadership Orientation
- Student agree to be available to provide periodic updates to Lubbock Aquarium Board
- Nominal fees for shirts or other materials may be required

### **Representing the Lubbock Aquarium:**

- Students should represent the Lubbock Aquarium by conducting themselves in a positive manner:
  - Respectful to peers, mentors, and Lubbock Aquarium Board
  - Dress code-follow school guidelines
  - No cursing or horse play
  - Be mindful of distractions; cell phones should be placed away while volunteering and at meetings
  - Maintain a good attitude

Lubbock Aquarium is only accepting 15 Students for the 2018-2019 academic year. Please fill out the application form on the following page by **August 20, 2018** and send to [education@lubbockaquarium.org](mailto:education@lubbockaquarium.org), or Lubbock Aquarium Student Ambassador, PO Box 65751, Lubbock, TX 79464

**Lubbock Aquarium Student Ambassador (LASA)  
Application Form  
Deadline: August 20, 2018**

1. Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Grade level next school year: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. School: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Email: \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. School Reference (Teacher/Coach): \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. School Reference Email: \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Why are you interested in applying for the LASA program?
  
3. Your application to this program indicates that you support an aquarium in Lubbock. In what ways do you think an aquarium would be beneficial to our community?
  
4. Please list other extracurricular school activities, including athletics, which you will be involved in during the upcoming school year.
  
5. Please list any non-school related activities that you will be involved in during the upcoming school year.
  
6. Please briefly describe what makes you a good candidate for this program and how you feel like you could contribute to the mission of the Lubbock Aquarium.
  
7. Do you have an adult sponsor (typically a parent/guardian or other close relative) that is willing to help you complete the requirements of the LASA program?  Yes  No
  
8. Have you included a reference letter from someone that is not an immediate family member?  
 Yes  No

**Please read and sign the following:**

I have read the *Requirements and Goals of LASA* and have discussed fully the obligations of membership with my adult sponsor. Questions should be directed to [education@lubbockaquarium.org](mailto:education@lubbockaquarium.org)

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Signature of Sponsor

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Date