



**Mt. Washington
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Dear Volunteer Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in the volunteer program at Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital. Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital has been a part of the children's health care in Baltimore for more than 80 years. We offer inpatient and outpatient services for infants and children with rehabilitation and special medical needs.

Volunteers have always been one of our most important assets. The community's support is important at all hospitals, it is especially important at Mt. Washington because of the medically fragile children we serve. We need the support of caring individuals to help us carry out our mission.

Please note that any volunteers working with the patients must be at least 18 years old. We ask for an initial commitment of:

- At least 6 months, minimum 2 hours per week of volunteering OR
- At least two consecutive semesters of school, minimum 2 hours per week of volunteering OR
- 10 hours per week over 10 consecutive weeks

Due to the medical complexity of our patients and the amount of orientation and training volunteers receive, we cannot offer 4-6 week intensive experiences. Any student wishing to do a "practicum" or "internship" for a class must follow one of the three criteria above. Internships for certification purposes for Child Life or Therapeutic Recreation are handled separately from volunteer, experiential opportunities.

Volunteers 16-18 years old are accepted for clerical positions in the hospital.

The following steps are part of the volunteer application process:

- Fill out the application, background check and health assessment form and return them in the enclosed envelope. For the health assessment, you DO NOT need to go to your doctor. Complete the form, mail or fax it to your doctor and have the doctor review and sign and return to you.
- Once the application is received, you will be called for an interview and tour.
- If selected, there is a significant amount of orientation and volunteers should be consistent to ensure the orientation is completed in a timely fashion. A Tuberculosis test is required for all volunteers and is offered free thru Mt. Washington. CPR is also available to volunteers at no cost.

Thank you again for your interest in Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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