



# Volunteer Application

**I am interested in the following volunteer opportunities (check as many as you'd like):**

**PROGRAM:**

- Explainer
- Museum Preschool

**EXHIBITS:**

- Production and repairs
- Trails and landscaping

**MUSEUM OPERATIONS AND FUNDRAISING:**

- Public Relations/ Marketing
- Auction

**OTHER:**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- I don't know, let's talk!

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Background (such as special skills, interests, previous work/volunteer experience, education):**

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**I prefer volunteering:**  a regular shift  as a substitute, or on an occasional basis

**Dates Available (Check One):**

- Ongoing
- Seasonal:
- From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**Times Available:**

- Afternoons
- Mornings
- Flexible

**Other details (if applicable)**

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**Please list two personal or professional references (include name, phone number, and email):**

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you learn of volunteer opportunities at the Montshire?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you ever been convicted of a crime?**  Yes  No

If yes, please explain the nature of the offense, timeframe, sentence imposed, and type of rehabilitation. (This does not necessarily disqualify you from volunteering.)

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*Please note, the Montshire requires a background check for most volunteers.*

**Please send this form to:** One Montshire Road, Norwich, VT 05055 or [volunteer@montshire.org](mailto:volunteer@montshire.org)

# Volunteer Opportunities

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at the Montshire. Volunteers play an integral role at the Museum, and they are very much appreciated—by staff and visitors alike.

There are many types of volunteer opportunities at the Montshire, ranging from working on the Museum floor with the public to contributing behind the scenes. Some of the positions are seasonal; others are ongoing. *If you have questions or would like more information, please contact our volunteer coordinator at 802-649-2200 or [volunteer@montshire.org](mailto:volunteer@montshire.org).*

## Program Volunteers

**Explainers** interact with visitors to enhance their experience at the Museum. Explainers greet groups, demonstrate exhibits, lead informal science activities, and more. Explaining is ideal for individuals who enjoy working with the public, appreciate children, and can work independently. Museum educators provide initial and ongoing training. Time commitment: 3 hours/weekly.

**Young Scientist Preschool** volunteers work with a staff teacher to introduce science to young children through fun activities and experiments in the physical and natural sciences. This opportunity is ideal for enthusiastic adults who love to work with young children and have energy and stamina to support active learning experiences. Time commitment: 3 hours/week on Wednesday mornings and/or afternoons.

## Exhibits Volunteers

**Production and repairs** volunteers help with building, painting, maintaining and fixing exhibits. Experience with carpentry, power tools, and machinery helpful. Time commitment: Flexible; regular schedule preferred.

**Trails and landscaping** volunteers help with trail maintenance and special plantings. Volunteers with plant identification skills may assist with plant labeling. Time commitment: Varies seasonally.

## Museum Operations and Fundraising

**Public relations** volunteers work on a variety of projects as needed. Possibilities include photographing events and exhibits, staffing special events, updating database information, and archiving photos. Periodically, volunteers may help create interesting, accurate, and engaging content for Museum publications or the Montshire Minute radio spot. Time commitment: Varies.

**Auction** volunteers provide leadership and creativity to make the Museum's principal fundraiser a success, year after year. Opportunities include procuring auction items and sponsorships, planning event décor, working with caterers, executing marketing, and helping out on the night of the event. Time commitment: Varies according to position. Auction volunteers are engaged primarily from January to May.

