

Volunteering

at the Science Museum of Virginia

Your time is precious. Volunteering your time is one of the best ways you can give back to your community. But you want to be sure you pick the right place.

So, what does volunteering at the Science Museum of Virginia look like?



Volunteers are the backbone of the Science Museum. It takes a village of staff and volunteers to inspire guests to enrich their lives through science. The commitment and support of our volunteers provides valuable assistance in all areas of the Science Museum, from engaging with guests in the exhibitions and labs to providing administrative support.

But volunteering at the Science Museum is about more than keeping things going. It's about helping to spark curiosity in a child that might lead to a career in a STEM field. It's about opening the door to the wonders of this world – and beyond. It's about helping a family create a special memory that they will cherish forever. Volunteering at the Science Museum gives you the opportunity to share your experience and knowledge, making science more inspiring for our guests.

And – let's be honest – it's about becoming part of one of the quirkiest, most fun, surprising places in town. If this sounds like something that's up your alley, check out our website to learn how you can play an important role in everyone's favorite museum.



This is your opportunity to learn, interact and be part of a fun community!
www.smv.org/get-involved/

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Student Volunteer Positions Available



Must be at least 14 years old and able to commit to a consistent, regular schedule - once a week or once every other week - for a minimum of six months.

- **Gallery Education Interpreter** - Gallery Education volunteers bring passion, skills, and special talents to work closely with Science Museum staff to provide a quality, fun, engaging, inclusive, science experience for guests, encouraging and assisting them as they interact with exhibits and in labs.
Shift times: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. or 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., on normal operating days.
- **Dome Usher** - Help guests blast off in The Dome. Dome Ushers greet, take tickets, answer questions and assist guests as they enter and exit The Dome. They should be comfortable interacting with the public, reliable and able to work independently.
Shift times: 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., on normal operating days. May vary with show schedule.
- **Forge Maker Challenge Assistant** - Maker Challenge Assistants help facilitate a variety of open-ended, design/engineering challenges during pre-scheduled Maker Challenge times. Maker Challenges are open to all guests, regardless of age, and allow for larger groups to participate in *The Forge* during this drop-in programming.
Shift times: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., on normal operating days.
- **Special Events Assistant** – These volunteers are on-call for special programming, lectures, exhibitions openings and a variety of other special events. They will greet and direct guests, distribute programs and conduct educational activities. Special Event volunteering does not demand a consistent time commitment. Volunteers sign up only for events for which they are available.

If your club or organization is interesting in volunteering as a group at a special event, please contact Laura Brady at lbrady@smv.org or 804.864.1514.

Interested? The first step is to apply online at www.smv.org/get-involved/.

When your application is received and reviewed, you will be contacted to schedule an interview.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Brady, Volunteer Coordinator, at 804.864.1514 or lbrady@smv.org.