

CALLING ALL TEENS!

Do you love plants and nature?

Do you enjoy interacting with kids?

Do you need to complete service hours?

Join the SAGE Service Program!



What is SAGE?

SAGE = Students as Garden Educators

We are looking for outgoing 14 to 18 year olds to help out this summer. In this program, you will work with staff to help Children's Garden visitors learn about Midwest ecosystems, plants, and more. You will plant seeds of knowledge and inspire others to enjoy nature!

What are the benefits?

- Improve public speaking and teaching skills
- Enhance college and job applications
- Meet students from other schools
- Learn about plants and nature
- Earn at least 50 service hours

When can I volunteer?

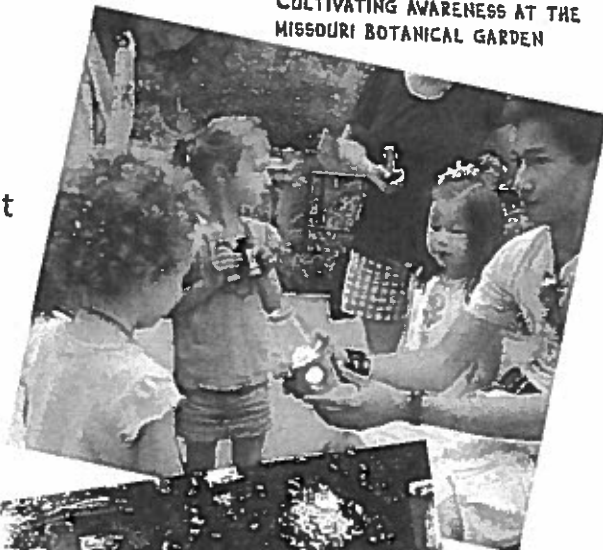
May through October, 7 days a week

- 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (lunch break included)
- Evening hours 2:30 to 7 p.m. (dinner break included) on Wednesdays during the Whitaker Music Festival.

How do I apply?

Fill out the following application and mail to the specified address on the last page.

Applications due by Friday, April 10, 2015.



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

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SAGE Service Program Application

May through October 2015

BASIC STUDENT INFORMATION

(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____ Gender: Male Female

Date of Birth: _____ Adult Shirt Size: Small Medium Large XL XXL

School Name: _____ Class of 20 _____

Does your school require service hours for graduation? Yes No If yes, how many hours? _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Are you a returning SAGE Student? Yes No

If not, where did you learn about the SAGE Program? (Check all that apply)

- High school teacher
- High school counselor
- Teen Night at MBG Recruiting Event
- Lunch table session at my school
- Poster at my school
- MBG Website
- Other _____

Are there any days of the week that you know you will not be available? If so, please list them here.



SAGE SERVICE PROGRAM: STUDENT ESSAY

Please respond to the following, if necessary attach an additional sheet.

1. What special interests, hobbies or talents do you possess that could be used in the Children's Garden?

2. Explain why you are interested in the SAGE Service Program and what you hope to gain from the experience.

3. List past volunteer or job experiences in which you had to interact with the public, work with children, teach others, or work outdoors. What was your most positive experience?

4. A requirement of the SAGE Program will be to attend a minimum of 3 Learn More sessions on plant/nature based themes, behind the scenes at the Garden, and careers in science. These sessions will be held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Are you willing and able to attend these 1 hour sessions? Which day will best fit into your schedule?

Yes No _____

5. Have you participated in any of the other Missouri Botanical Garden Teen Network Programs? (Check all that apply AND list the year you participated—for example 2013, or 2013-14.)

ECO-ACT: Year _____

H2O's (at SNR): Year _____

SAGE: Year _____

SIFT: Year _____

TREE's (at SNR) :Year _____

Youth Garden: Year _____

STUDENT REFERENCE

Please list one of your current teachers that we may contact as a reference. Make sure to ask their permission!

Name: _____ Subject: _____

School Address: _____

Work Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

STUDENT AGREEMENT

I understand that my participation in the SAGE Service Program requires that I:

- Attend one of the following SAGE orientations offered. Please select your preferred date.
 - Sunday May 3, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - I am unable to attend either of these dates. *If you have a conflict and are unable to attend either orientation date, please check here. You will be contacted to arrange an alternative date.*
- Volunteer at least 50 hours from May through October 2015.
- Fulfill the SAGE guidelines (to be outlined in the orientation) in order to complete the program.
- Attend at least 3 Learn More Sessions to be held on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have read and understand the above requirements of the SAGE Service Program. I acknowledge the commitment that _____ (student's name) has made to the SAGE Service Program at the Missouri Botanical Garden.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail your completed application to:
Missouri Botanical Garden
ATTN: Education, SAGE Service Program
P.O. Box 299
St. Louis, MO 63166-0299

Applications for the 2015 season
are due by Friday, April 10, 2015.

Questions? Please e-mail sage.service@mobot.org or call (314) 577-0850.

