

**Teen Corps Reference Form**

Complete and mail to: Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, Teen Corps, 1777 East Broad St., Columbus, OH 43203

**Application deadline is May 5, 2023**

**Applicant’s name:**

**To the applicant:** Put your name on this form then give it to an adult reference (other than a relative) at least two weeks prior to the application deadline along with an envelope. Ask them to return it to you in a sealed and signed envelope as soon as possible. We will not review your application without two completed references. Please remember to thank them for their help.

**To the adult giving the reference:** The applicant above is applying to the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Garden Teen Corps Program. Teen Corps is composed of teens, 15-18 who attend Columbus City Schools or who live in Columbus. It is a paid summer internship program that is designed to teach life and work skills through hands-on gardening experience by growing and selling produce at our farmer's market.

All responses will be kept confidential. Your honest input regarding the applicant is very important to us as we will have limited time with each applicant during our interview process. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Michele Bailey, Teen Corps Coordinator at (614) 715-8034 or mbailey@fpconservatory.org. Forms must be received no later than May 5, 2023. Thank you for your time and assistance.

**Reference's name:**

**How long have you known the applicant?**

**How strongly would you recommend this student? (Please circle your response)**

With great enthusiasm

With confidence

With some confidence

With reservation

I do not recommend

**How would you describe the applicant's ability to follow directions?**

**Has the applicant demonstrated responsibility?**

**How well does the applicant work with other youth and adults?**

**How well does the applicant adapt when the situation changes?**

**How would you characterize the applicant's leadership ability?**

**Please rate this applicant on the following characteristics using the following scale:**

**1 = Poor, 2 = Fair, 3 = Good, 4 = Very Good and 5 = Excellent**

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| Analysis/Problem Solving |  |
| Cooperativeness |  |
| Creativity/Innovation |  |
| Leadership |  |
| Motivation |  |
| Oral Communication Skills |  |
| Self-Discipline |  |
| Self-Reliance |  |
| Reaction to Criticism |  |

**Additional Comments:** Please include any information that would help us in assessing this applicant. Include any information about special interests, qualities, abilities, or experience pertaining to this applicant.

**Signature and Date:**