

# VOLUN-TEEN 2021-2022

Volun-teen is a group of teen volunteers (**high school freshmen and sophomores**) with the collective goal to help make a difference in the lives of critically ill or injured children and their families.

As stewards of the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of the Coastal Empire, Volun-teen members work in partnership with the Yellow Shoe Crew (high school juniors and seniors) to advocate, fundraise, and raise community awareness for the programs and services provided by RMHC (the Ronald McDonald House, our Family Rooms in Memorial Hospital and Candler Hospital, and the Care Mobile).

Volun-teen membership consists of volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House, monthly membership meetings, fundraising, outreach events, and many other volunteer opportunities.

All candidates must obtain permission from a parent/guardian prior to submitting their application AND prior to accepting membership.

Members will be selected through an application process. **Any applications received after the deadline WILL NOT be considered.**

#### Qualifications for Volun-teen:

1. Candidates must be beginning their freshman or sophomore year of high school in August 2021.
2. Candidates must commit to one year of volunteer service from August 2021-August 2022.
3. Candidates must complete a minimum of 25 service hours within the membership year.



## Application Process

Volun-teen applications are **DUE BY MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021.**

The application must be submitted at one time – incomplete and/or late applications **WILL NOT** be considered.

All Volun-teen applicants will be notified of their acceptance status **by Wednesday, July 21, 2021.**

### Completed application packets must include:

1. Applicant Information Form
2. Short Essays
3. Reference #1 and Reference #2 – all references must (no exceptions):
  - a. Be non-relatives of applicant
  - b. Have known the applicant for 2+ years
  - c. Be 18-years-old or older
4. Applicant Commitment Form
5. Parent/Guardian Commitment Form
6. Photo of Applicant (if available)

Completed applications can be

- Mailed to or dropped off at:

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Coastal Empire  
Attn: Jessica West, Volun-teen Application  
4710 Waters Avenue  
Savannah, Georgia 31404

- Emailed to:

[jessica@rmhccoastalempire.org](mailto:jessica@rmhccoastalempire.org)

- Faxed to:

912-350-2309

Attn: Jessica West, Volun-teen Application

**Volun-teen Application: Applicant Information (PLEASE TYPE)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Information**

High School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Guidance Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Extracurriculars (band, sports, etc.):

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Academic Recognitions & Honors:

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**Additional Volunteer Information**

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Is there any medical information (allergies, medical conditions, etc.) that you would like to share with us in case of an emergency?

Please list below any scheduling conflicts that you may experience if you are chosen to serve in 2021-2022 Volun-teen.

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Are you related to/acquainted with anyone currently involved with RMHC of the Coastal Empire? (Circle one)            Yes            No

If yes, describe relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this volunteer opportunity?

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## Volun-teen Application: Short Essays

Please **TYPE** your answers to the following questions

1. Why do you feel that you would make a good addition to this group?
2. What previous volunteer experience do you have?
3. Do you have any suggestions for activities/projects for our teen volunteers (fundraisers, activities for families at RMH, etc.)?
4. If you feel comfortable sharing, have you or your family had any experience being a patient in a children's hospital or utilizing the services of a Ronald McDonald House?

**Volun-teen Application: Reference Form (#1)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, recommend \_\_\_\_\_ (applicant name)  
for Volun-teen membership at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Coastal Empire based on the  
following:

*Provide us with a description (**PLEASE TYPE**) of the qualities/characteristics this candidate will bring to the  
group.*

I attest that I am a non-relative of the applicant, that I have known the applicant for a minimum of two  
years, and that I am 18-years-old or older.

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*Signature of Reference*

**Volun-teen Application: Reference Form (#2)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, recommend \_\_\_\_\_ (applicant name)  
for Volun-teen membership at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Coastal Empire based on the  
following:

*Provide us with a description (**PLEASE TYPE**) of the qualities/characteristics this candidate will bring to the  
group.*

I attest that I am a non-relative of the applicant, that I have known the applicant for a minimum of two  
years, and that I am 18-years-old or older.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Reference*

**Volun-teen Application: Applicant Commitment Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (applicant name) am applying for 2021-2022 Volun-teen membership at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Coastal Empire. I have included all required application materials for your review.

I understand that this is a volunteer experience that will require a one-year commitment (August 2021-August 2022). I understand that this commitment will involve volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House, monthly membership meetings, fundraising, outreach events, and other volunteer opportunities.

To ensure a productive experience for myself, my fellow teen volunteers, and the families served by RMHC of the Coastal Empire, I agree to:

- Show respect to RMHC staff, RMHC volunteers, my fellow teen volunteers, and the families utilizing RMHC
- Conduct myself responsibly during all RMHC of the Coastal Empire volunteer opportunities and/or events
- Be an active participant by volunteering regularly, attending meetings, participating in fundraising, planning and coordinating events, and participating in other opportunities
- Complete a minimum of 25 service hours between August 2021-August 2022
- Follow all guidelines and requirements as set forth by RMHC of the Coastal Empire staff

I attest that I have read and understand the responsibilities and requirements of participating in Volun-teen.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Applicant*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*



**Volun-teen Application: Parent/Guardian Commitment Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (parent/guardian) consent to \_\_\_\_\_ (applicant name) applying for 2021-2022 Volun-teen membership at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Coastal Empire. I have discussed with them the responsibilities involved and the time commitment required for this volunteer experience.

I understand that verification of any volunteer hours will be provided *only* after completion of these hours.

I understand that RMHC staff will utilize online communication tools (primarily email, Remind.com, and Signup.com). By signing this agreement, I agree to allow my child to participate in these communications.

I agree to provide guidance and assistance during my child’s volunteer service, including assisting them in obtaining volunteer clearance to work directly with children and families served by RMHC of the Coastal Empire.

By signing this agreement, I give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_ (applicant name) to join Volun-teen at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Coastal Empire should they be selected for 2020-2021 membership.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Parent/Guardian*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*