

VOLUN-TEEN ***2025-2026***

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 2025.
2. Candidates must commit to one year of volunteer service from August 2025-August 2026.
3. Candidates must complete a minimum of 30 service hours within the membership year.



Application Process

Volun-teen applications are **DUE BY Thursday, JUNE 12, 2025.**

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 **Friday, July 25, 2025.**

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: Lisa Markel, Volun-teen Application
4710 Waters Avenue
Savannah, Georgia 31404

- Emailed to:

lisa@rmhccoastalempire.org

- Faxed to:

912-350-2309

Attn: Lisa Markel, 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: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

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.):

Academic Recognitions & Honors:

Additional Volunteer Information

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 2025-2026 Volun-teen.

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?

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.

Signature of Reference (Please print this form and then sign)

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 (Please print this form and then sign)

Volun-teen Application: Applicant Commitment Form

I, _____, (applicant name) am applying for 2025-2026 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 2025-August 2026). 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 30 service hours between August 2025-August 2026
- 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 (Please print this form and sign)

Date

