



Dear Junior Interpreter Applicant,

Are you a middle school student in grades 6-8? Are you interested in science, nature, and the environment? Do you love being outdoors? Do you enjoy teaching others? Take ecology, conservation and stewardship to the next level, join the Junior Interpreter program.

Junior Interpreter applicants are those interested in learning how to teach and teaching the general public about the environment. Junior Interpreter responsibilities include:

- Learning about local animals and plants.
- Leading public Educational Programs.
- Having the opportunity to serve as a camp counselor over the summer.
- Participating in our annual Citizen Science Day celebration.
- Taking part in community clean-ups, volunteer opportunities and trips to local recreational areas to gain a greater awareness for the issues facing Florida.

Anyone interested in becoming a Junior Interpreter is required to fill out the attached application which includes four sections: Part A (Application), Part B (300 word essay), Part C (Questions), and Part D (Reference Form). **Completed applications are due by September 27, 2018.**

Accepted applicants will receive an electronic acceptance letter by October 18th. Please remember that Junior Interpreter applicants must be in middle school (grade 6-8th).

This year we are charging for this mentorship program to cover our program costs. Once accepted, payment to cover the program cost is due by the first meeting, October 27th. Please be advised that payment may be remitted via check or credit card (please complete section in application). Maggie Bowman Scholarships are available to those who qualify.

Any applicant interested in becoming a Junior Interpreter must be available one Saturday of the month from **October 2018** thru **May 2019**. Program hours are usually from 9am to 12pm, but there are variations depending on the program. More than one unexcused absence may result in dismissal from the program. Spaces within the program are limited.

Past Junior Interpreters, Environmental Ambassadors, and ELC Camp Counselors/Green Teens are all invited to fill out the application but this does not secure a spot for the 2018-2019 year.

Thanks for your interest in the program and the ELC looks forward to reviewing your application!

Sincerely,
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