



Smithsonian Enterprises

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We are currently accepting applications to fill the following vacancy:

Guest Services Supervisor, Part Time National Zoo-Washington, DC Announcement Number SE-22-0157

OPEN DATE:	05/17/2022
CLOSING DATE:	05/31/2022
PAY BAND:	D
SALARY RANGE:	Starting at \$20.19 Hourly (Commensurate with Experience)
POSITION TYPE:	Trust Fund
APPOINTMENT TYPE:	Indefinite
SCHEDULE:	Part Time/ 25 Hours Weekly
DUTY LOCATION:	Smithsonian National Zoological Park

Who may be considered for employment: All qualified candidates who are U.S. employment eligible.

The Smithsonian provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for the application or hiring process please call 202-633-6409 (TTY).

The Smithsonian Institution is an **Equal Opportunity Employer**. We believe that a workforce comprising a variety of educational, cultural and experiential backgrounds support and enhance our daily work life and contribute to the richness of our exhibitions and programs.

KEY REQUIREMENTS

- Pass Pre-employment Background Check and Subsequent Background Investigation for a position designated as *Low Risk*
- May be required to complete a 1-year Probationary Period
- Maintain a Bank Account for Direct Deposit/Electronic Transfer
- Males born after 12/31/59 must be registered with Selective Service
- Authorized to work in the U.S. without sponsorship

For the latest information on the COVID-19 vaccination requirements and its impact on your application, click on Smithsonian Institution's [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Summary:

Our Guest Services Team is looking for outgoing and enthusiastic individuals who love animals, enjoy working with children, and are excited about the opportunity to promote a positive guest experience by creating lasting memories at the Smithsonian National Zoological Park. Our Staff are passionate, energetic, and professional. Acting as a Zoo ambassador, you will exemplify general knowledge of exhibits, wildlife, and amenities while finding creative ways to inspire guests to support our mission. Report to the Guest Services Manager.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following. Other duties may be assigned.

- Provides courteous, professional, and knowledgeable service to both internal and external customers; Responds courteously and knowledgeably to Guest inquiries in a timely manner for all outside services at the National Zoo.
- Maintains visibility, leads by example, and assists with monitoring Guest Services to ensure that excellent, engaging customer service is provided, schedules are adhered to and assignments are completed. Coach in the moment, direct and provide feedback when necessary.
- Assists with the planning of work to be accomplished by staff daily; adjusting with management as needed in response to changing needs of the business. Adjusts employee duties according to Guest flow.
- Adheres to guidelines around use of company audit tools including cash handling, associate observations, and membership performance. Conducts weekly and monthly till bag, register and Guest service audits on staff.
- Participates in the training and development of new Guest Services associates.
- Train, develop and provide ongoing feedback to employees engaged in GUEST service duties. Provide feedback to staff in the moment as necessary. Assist in developing a culture rooted in teamwork, accountability, and integrity.
- Assist with coaching Associates with providing membership information and encouraging Guests to support the Zoo's mission with membership and round up donations.
- Responsible for all aspects of loss prevention programs related to Guest services operations. Adheres to SOPs for cash handling and inventory control. Performs daily cash control operations/audits in accordance with SE SOPs. Ensures proper business unit opening and closing; submits daily sales audit information. Ensures security and accuracy of the safe while maintaining an appropriate safe fund and orders change. Ensure proper procedures are followed relative to interactions with armored courier service.
- Communicates issues to supervisor. Resolves Guest issues and special needs situations, referring those of a more complex nature to higher level management. Suggests improvements to supervisor that will enhance the operating plan, security, appearance of the locations.
- Ensures proper standards for cleaning on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis are maintained in all areas. This may include, but is not limited to, dusting, cleaning booths, cleaning glass, removing trash and cleaning computer equipment.
- Supports National Zoo special events.
- Conducts daily staff meetings (Rise & Shine) to motivate employees and exchange information.
- Develops and maintains strong partnerships with SI partners to include but not limited to Zoo Leadership, Security, Advancement, Curatorial, Special Events, Project Management and Facilities.
- Responsible for the careful and safe operation of all SI vehicles to prevent injury to others and damage to property. Maintains vehicle cleanliness both interior and exterior. Completes daily inspections of vehicles prior to operation. Completes and submits a written report of accident damage to the vehicle or equipment malfunction. Collects and maintains gas/service station receipts and compiles fuel costs for vehicles used.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must be available weekends, holidays, and evenings.

Candidates must be able to move or lift up to 25 pounds and to stand for long periods of time.

Candidates selected for interview will be given a retail math skills test.

Indoor – air conditioning/ outdoor – variable conditions. The work environment varies by temperature and conditions throughout the Park's locations.

EDUCATION, QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily.

The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required.

Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Bachelor's degree and/or 1 to 3 years related experience. Retail or hospitality industry experience is required.

- Passion for providing superior Guest experiences.
- Passion for people and ability to motivate, lead, and direct a large diverse staff.
- Knowledge of management principles and experience with resource allocation, leadership techniques and coordination of people and resources.
- The employee must be able to work in extreme weather conditions, both hot and cold. Must also be able to work outside during weather events such as in rain and snow. Must be able to work in a confined and limited space.
- Must be able to sit, stand or walk for long periods of time.
- Ability to assist with the implementation of crowd control systems in a high-volume operation.
- Ability to perform cash management activities and monitor Loss Prevention standards.
- Ability to read and interpret Smithsonian Institution policies and procedures.
- Detail oriented with an ability to manage projects and multi-task concurrently.
- Ability to accept written and oral instructions from supervisor.
- Ability to communicate effectively and professionally in person and over the phone.
- Ability to operate a POS cash register and/or computerized ticketing system.
- Ability to remain flexible and adaptable, reorganizing and adjusting as needed to a changing workload in a fast-paced environment.
- Must be willing to work a flexible schedule when necessary, including nights, weekends, and holidays.
- Experience working with both a diverse work force and Guest groups.
- Possess and maintain a valid United States driver's license and clean driving record (applicable to National Zoological Park only)
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite.

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Applicants, who wish to qualify based on education completed outside the United States, must be deemed equivalent to higher education programs of U.S. Institutions by an organization that specializes

in the interpretation of foreign educational credentials. This documentation is the responsibility of the applicant and should be included as part of your application package.

Any false statement in your application may result in your application being rejected and may also result in termination after employment begins.

Smithsonian Enterprises is a division of the Smithsonian Institution, the world's largest museum and research organization. Established in 1846 with a bequest from English Scientist James Smithson, the Institution currently encompasses 19 museums and galleries, the National Zoo and 9 research centers. The Smithsonian has facilities in 7 states, the District of Columbia and the Republic of Panama supporting over 6,200 employees.

Smithsonian Enterprises encompasses *Smithsonian Magazine*, Museum stores, Restaurants, IMAX theaters and the Smithsonian Catalog, Consumer products, Educational travel, e-commerce, and commercial media enterprises in book publishing and the Smithsonian TV Channel.

The Smithsonian Institution values and seeks a diverse workforce. Join us in "Inspiring Generations through Knowledge and Discovery."

To apply, please forward a resume and cover letter to:	SEGuestServices@si.edu Please include the position title in the subject line.
Once the vacancy announcement closes, a review of your resume will be made compared to the qualifications and experience as it applies to this job. What to expect next: After a review of applicants is complete, qualified candidates résumés will be referred to the hiring manager.	

Relocation expenses are not paid.

The Smithsonian offers a number of exceptional benefits to its employees who qualify. Benefits include:

Health, Dental & Vision Insurance, Life Insurance, Transit/Commuter Benefits, Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance, Annual and Sick Leave, Family Friendly Leave, 403b Retirement Plan, Discounts for Smithsonian Memberships, Museum Stores and Restaurants, Credit Union, Smithsonian Early Enrichment Center (Child Care), Flexible Spending Account (Health & Dependent Care)

We ask that the attached Applicant Survey be completed by all candidates, except **Smithsonian Institution employees**, and returned with application materials. This form is optional, is used for gathering statistical information and will not be a part of the application.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON APPLICANTS

OMB No.: 3046-0046

Expiration Date: 7/31/2023

Vacancy Announcement No.: SE-22-0157

Position Title: Guest Services Supervisor

YOUR PRIVACY IS PROTECTED

This information is used to determine if our equal employment opportunity efforts are reaching all segments of the population, consistent with Federal equal employment opportunity laws. Responses to these questions are voluntary. Your responses will not be shown to the panel rating the applications, to the official selecting an applicant for a position, or to anyone else who can affect your application. This form will not be placed in your Personnel file nor will it be provided to your supervisors in your employing office should you be hired. The aggregate information collected through this form will be kept private to the extent permitted by law. See the Privacy Act Statement below for more information.

Completion of this form is voluntary. No individual personnel selections are made based on this information. There will be no impact on your application if you choose not to answer any of these questions.

Thank you for helping us to provide better service.

1. How did you learn about this position? (Check One):

- Agency Internet Site recruitment
- Private Employment Web Site
- Other Internet Site
- Job Fair
- Newspaper or magazine
- Agency or other Federal government on campus
- School or college counselor or other official
- Friend or relative working for this agency
- Private Employment Office
- Agency Human Resources Department (bulletin board or other announcement)
- Federal, State, or Local Job Information Center
- Other

2. Sex (Check One):

- Male
- Female

3. Ethnicity (Check One):

- Hispanic or Latino** - a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
- Not Hispanic or Latino**

4. Race (Check all that apply):

- American Indian or Alaska Native** - a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North or South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- Asian** - a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, or Vietnam.
- Black or African American** - a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander** - a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific islands.
- White** - a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

5. Disability/Serious Health Condition

The next questions address disability and serious health conditions. Your responses will ensure that our outreach and recruitment policies are reaching a wide range of individuals with physical or mental conditions. Consider your answers without the use of medication and aids (except eyeglasses) or the help of another person.

A. Do you have any of the following? Check all boxes that apply to you:

- Deaf or serious difficulty hearing
- Blind or serious difficulty seeing even when wearing glasses
- Missing an arm, leg, hand, or foot
- Paralysis: Partial or complete paralysis (any cause)
- Significant Disfigurement: for example, severe disfigurements caused by burns, wounds, accidents, or congenital disorders
- Significant Mobility Impairment: for example, uses a wheelchair, scooter, walker or uses a leg brace to walk
- Significant Psychiatric Disorder: for example, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, PTSD, or major depression
- Intellectual Disability (formerly described as mental retardation)
- Developmental Disability: for example, cerebral palsy or autism spectrum disorder
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Dwarfism
- Epilepsy or other seizure disorder
- Other disability or serious health condition: for example, diabetes, cancer, cardiovascular disease, anxiety disorder, or HIV infection; a learning disability, a speech impairment, or a hearing impairment (if this applies to you, please go to Section A.1.)

If you did not select one of the options above, please indicate whether.

- None of the conditions listed above apply to me.
- I do not wish to answer questions regarding disability/health conditions.

A.1. Other Disability or Serious Health Condition (Optional)

You indicated that you have a disability or a serious health condition. If you are willing, please select any of the conditions listed below that apply to you. As explained above, your responses will not be shown to the panel rating the applications, to the selecting official, or to anyone else who can affect your application. All responses will remain private to the extent permitted by law. See the Privacy Act Statement below for more information.

Please check all that apply:

- I do not wish to specify any condition.
- Alcoholism
- Cancer
- Cardiovascular or heart disease
- Crohn's disease, irritable bowel syndrome, or other gastrointestinal impairment
- Depression, anxiety disorder, or other psychological disorder
- Diabetes or other metabolic disease
- Difficulty seeing even when wearing glasses
- Hearing impairment
- History of drug addiction (but not currently using illegal drugs)

- HIV Infection/AIDS or other immune disorder
 - Kidney dysfunction: for example, requires dialysis
 - Learning disabilities or ADHD
 - Liver disease: for example, hepatitis or cirrhosis
 - Lupus, fibromyalgia, rheumatoid arthritis, or other autoimmune disorder
 - Morbid obesity
 - Nervous system disorder: for example, migraine headaches, Parkinson's disease, or multiplesclerosis
 - Non-paralytic orthopedic impairments: for example, chronic pain, stiffness, weakness in bones or joints, or some loss of ability to use parts of the body
 - Orthopedic impairments or osteo-arthritis
 - Pulmonary or respiratory impairment: for example, asthma, chronic bronchitis, or TB
 - Sickle cell anemia, hemophilia, or other blood disease
 - Speech impairment
 - Spinal abnormalities: for example, spina bifida or scoliosis
 - Thyroid dysfunction or other endocrine disorder
 - Other. Please identify the disability/health condition, if willing:
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PRIVACY ACT AND PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENTS

Privacy Act Statement: This Privacy Act Statement is provided pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a (commonly known as the Privacy Act of 1974). The authority for this form is 5 U.S.C. 7201, which provides that the Office of Personnel Management shall implement a minority recruitment program, by the Uniform Guidelines on Employee Selection Procedures, 29 C.F.R. Part 1607.4, which requires collection of demographic data to determine if a selection procedure has an unlawful disparate impact, and by Section 501 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which requires federal agencies to prepare affirmative action plans for the hiring and advancement of people with disabilities. Data relating to an individual applicant are not provided to selecting officials. This form will be seen by Human Resource personnel in the Office of Personnel Management (who are not involved in considering an applicant for a particular job) and by Equal Employment Opportunity Commission officials who will receive aggregate, non-identifiable data from the Office of Personnel Management derived from this form.

Purpose and Routine Uses: The aggregate, non-identifiable information summarizing all applicants for a position will be used by the Office of Personnel Management and by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to determine if the executive branch of the Federal Government is effectively recruiting and selecting individuals from all segments of the population. **Effects of Nondisclosure:** Providing this information is voluntary. No individual personnel selections are made based on this information. There will be no impact on your application if you choose not to answer any of these questions.

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