



## Join the Fun!

Discover the excitement! Volunteer on our Education team.  
Become a Lena Meijer Children's Garden PAL Partner this spring, summer or fall!



## PAL (PLAY ACTIVITY LEADER) PARTNER APPLICATION 2022

Review requirements. Check the box for the season you are applying for:

### Requirements:

To be eligible, applicants must be at least 14 years old OR entering ninth to 12th grade in the fall. After the interview, those accepted will be required to purchase a PAL Partner T-Shirt (\$14) and attend both orientation and training.

Please be sure you can attend the scheduled dates for your season of application.

Complete this application form if you are interested in volunteering at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park as a PAL Partner.

### **SPRING. Application Deadline: Sunday, February 13, by 5 pm**

PAL Partners volunteer two half-day weekend shifts per month for six weeks, beginning in March, and one half-day special event shift in March, April, or May. Interviews will be held the week of February 13 and those accepted will need to attend an evening orientation on Tuesday, February 22, along with training on Saturday afternoon, March 5.

### **SUMMER. Application Deadline: Monday, May 23, by 5 pm**

PAL Partners volunteer one half-day shift per week for 10 weeks, beginning June 13, and one half-day weekend or Tuesday evening shift per month for June, July, and August. (Exceptions can be made for family vacations and work schedules.) Interviews will be held the week of May 30 and those accepted must attend a mid-morning orientation at the PAL Summer Kick-off Forum, Saturday, June 4, and an evening training Tuesday, June 7.

### **FALL. Application Deadline: Monday, August 8, by 5 pm**

PAL Partners volunteer two half-day weekend shifts per month for six weeks, beginning in September, and one half-day special event shift in September, October, or November. Interviews will be held the week of August 14. Those accepted will be required to attend a mid-morning peer training Saturday, August 20, and an evening orientation Tuesday, August 23.

## STUDENT INFORMATION

Name (First and Last): \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (Student): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School you will be attending next year: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

# APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Shifts are Monday through Saturday, 9 am–1 pm or 1–5 pm. In the Summer, there are additional evening hours, 5–9 pm on Tuesdays. Sunday shifts are 11 am–3 pm or 1–5 pm. Pending approval, which days and shifts would you prefer to volunteer?

How did you find out about this program?

Do you have experience working with the public?    Yes    No

Have you volunteered before? If so, please tell us when and where.

# DESCRIPTIVE PARAGRAPH

Please provide a brief paragraph describing your interest in the PAL Partner Program. What do you hope to gain by participating and why should you be selected as a PAL Partner?

# LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please list the names of three people you have asked to submit a letter of recommendation in support of your application.

Name: _____	Email/Phone: _____
Name: _____	Email/Phone: _____
Name: _____	Email/Phone: _____

These references should not come from family members. You may ask teachers, coaches, neighbors, employers, religious leaders, et cetera. Be sure to attach these letters to your application and submit them by email (preferred) to LaStar Alicea at lalicea@meijergardens.org or mail them to the address listed below:

Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park; LMCG PAL Partner Program  
Attention: LaStar Alicea at LMCG  
1000 East Beltline NE  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49525

# PARENT/GUARDIAN EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name (First and Last): \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (Parent/Guardian): \_\_\_\_\_

## SIGNATURE

By entering our names below I acknowledge that I, myself, and my parent/guardian understand all the requirements of the PAL Partner Program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/guardian signature Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student signature Date: \_\_\_\_\_

After we receive your complete application, applicants being considered will be contacted for an interview.  
After the interview process, you will be notified of program acceptance via email or phone call, the same week as the deadline.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Spring Applicants

- Applications due: Sunday, February 13
- Interviews: Week of February 13
- Orientation and training: Tuesday, February 22, and Saturday, March 5

### Summer Applicants

- Applications due: Monday, May 23
- Interviews: Week of May 30
- Orientation and training : Saturday, June 4, and Tuesday, June 7

### Fall Applicants

- Applications due: Monday, August 8
- Interviews: Week of August 14
- Orientation and training: Saturday, August 20, and Tuesday, August 23



Work in all 10 themed areas of the Lena Meijer Children's Garden, gain valuable experience, make new friends, fulfill school requirements, add to your resume, and have fun!