



**STRATFORD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
TEEN & UCREATE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION
----- WINTER 2023 -----**

PLEASE PRINT: *(Parents: This application must be completed by your teen. Thanks!)*

First & Last Name: _____ Date: _____

Pronouns (*optional*): _____ Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Personal Email (*not school*): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name & Relation: _____

Parent/Guardian's Phone (in case of emergency): _____

► **WHAT IS YOUR AVAILABILITY THIS WINTER?** (Check all that apply.)

Mondays Tuesdays Wednesdays Thursdays Fridays

Saturdays Sundays* *(*The Library is open 1-5 pm on Sundays October-May.)*

Mornings Afternoons Evenings

Daily Weekly Monthly

► **ARE YOU VOLUNTEERING IN ORDER TO COMPLETE REQUIRED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS (FOR EXAMPLE: FOR CHURCH, SCHOOL GRADUATION, NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, OR SCOUTING)?** Yes No

IF YOU ANSWERED 'YES,' PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Name of organization: _____

Address of organization: _____

Total # of hours required: _____

Date by which hours must be completed: _____

► **DESCRIBE--IN DETAIL--ANY PREVIOUS VOLUNTEER AND/OR WORK EXPERIENCE:**

► **TELL US ABOUT YOUR HOBBIES, INTERESTS, & SKILLS (INCLUDING ANY ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES SPOKEN):**

► **PERSONAL STATEMENT** (Applications that omit the personal statement will not be considered.)

In addition to completing the above application, **please submit a brief PERSONAL STATEMENT** (a paragraph or two) that (a.) explains why you are interested in volunteering for the Stratford Library and (b.) identifies which volunteer program(s) you are interested in joining – the Teen Dept. Volunteer Program and/or the uCreate Volunteer Program. (Yes, you can apply for both!) *For details about the Teen Dept. Volunteer Program and the uCreate Volunteer Program, see below.*

► **DESCRIPTIONS OF TEEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS**

Teen Department Volunteer Program (Coordinator: Teresa Neville)

Teens in grades 8 through freshman year of college may apply. Volunteer activities include (but aren't limited to): assembling Teen Dept. Grab 'n' Go Kits, shelving DVDs, shelf reading, and assisting with on-site Teen Dept. events and activities. Volunteers can also expect to assist with moderating the Library's just-for-teens Discord server. Note: Volunteers in the Teen Dept. Volunteer Program communicate regularly via a separate, volunteers-only Discord group chat.

uCreate Volunteer Program (Coordinator: Chris Bacchiocchi)

Teens in grades 8 through freshman year of college may apply. uCreate volunteer activities include (but aren't limited to): working in the Library's makerspace, the uCreate Space; assembling uCreate Grab 'n' Go Kits; assisting with recurring uCreate events (like *3D Printing for Beginners* and *Video Game Club*) as well as all-ages STEAM-themed activities; working in the Library's multimedia lab, The Studio; and assisting with virtual activities. Note: uCreate volunteers communicate regularly via a volunteers-only Discord server. *No prior experience with technology required to apply.

*Winter volunteer opportunities for teens are also available through the Children's Department. The Children's Dept. Volunteer Program application is available at stratfordlibrary.org/volunteer.

To submit your completed Teen Volunteer Application (including your Personal Statement), please do one of the following by WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023:

- Drop it off at the Teen Desk in the Library.
- Email it to teenvolunteer@stratfordlibrary.org. (Put "Volunteer Application" as the subject.)
- Mail it to: Stratford Library Teen Department, 2203 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06615.
- Seal it in an envelope labeled *Attn: Teen Dept.* and leave it in the outside book drop.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to high demand for teen volunteer positions, late or incomplete applications will not be considered—no exceptions. Thank you for your interest and your understanding!

Questions? Email teenvolunteer@stratfordlibrary.org or call 203.385.4167.