



## South Carolina Aquarium Shadow Program 2010

Dear Parents,

Experience is always a great way to open a young person's eyes and spark new interests. To offer young adults a glimpse into the Aquarium world, the South Carolina Aquarium is now offering a shadow program for students in grades six to 12. In this program your child will have the opportunity to observe some of the jobs that keep an Aquarium humming – like aquarist, educator or mammal behaviorist. This program will allow students to see what happens in a day at the Aquarium and gain some insight into an area of work they might want to pursue. **The shadow program will be offered on two dates, February 15, 2010 (President's Day) and October 11, 2010 (Columbus Day).** These are days that most schools are not in session and therefore students would not miss school responsibilities.

To apply, students must:

- 1) Complete the form on the reverse side of this letter.
- 2) Write a 300-word essay describing why they are interested in participating and what they hope to gain from their time at the Aquarium.
- 3) Secure a letter of recommendation from an adult, non-family member, preferably a current teacher.
- 4) Submit the form, the essay and the recommendation in an envelope to:

Jenn Thomsen  
Education Department  
South Carolina Aquarium  
100 Aquarium Wharf  
Charleston, SC 29401

**Deadlines for submitting applications are February 9 for the February 15 Shadow Day and October 5 for the October 11 Shadow Day.**

We will contact parents by phone or email right after the deadline to inform you whether your student has been accepted to participate in the program. At that time we will provide specifics about the Shadow Day (time, activities, etc.) If you have questions, please contact Jenn Thomsen at [jthomsen@scaquarium.org](mailto:jthomsen@scaquarium.org) or (843) 579-8545.

Sincerely,

Jenn Thomsen

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## Application Form

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current member of the South Carolina Aquarium?  YES  NO

