Raleigh Digital Connectors Program

Participant Application 2022 – 2023

Dear Applicant,

Congratulations! You have taken the first step toward becoming a Raleigh Digital Connector. By completing this application, you are expressing a desire to make a positive impact on your community through assisting with efforts that bridge the digital divide in our local communities and also a desire to gain skills in leadership, civic engagement, financial literacy and professional development through an interactive program.

If accepted, the Raleigh Digital Connectors Internship program is a unique opportunity for you and your fellow participants to serve your community through technology, community service and leadership. You will become an intern and volunteer for the Digital Inclusion unit with the City of Raleigh's Housing and Neighborhood's Department. The City of Raleigh provides this internship opportunity through strategic partnerships and offers expanded levels of digital readiness and leadership training.

Many students from around the City of Raleigh will apply for the program, so make sure that your application stands out among the very best. Please answer all questions completely. If you have any questions, call or email the contact person on the application. **We will not review incomplete applications.**

Based on the applications we receive, a group of candidates will be chosen and invited to an interview. A panel of people will interview you, and you will want to arrive prepared, energized, and on time. From the interviews, we will select 15 Raleigh Digital Connectors for upcoming program year.

Program Details:
- Open to applicants between 14 and 18 years old
- Space is limited to 15 students
- One participant per household
- **Participants must live inside Raleigh City Limits.**
- Service projects and opportunities will be held on designated Saturdays & occasional weekday evenings
- Graduates receive $500 and a laptop

Program Schedule & Location:
Program Dates: September 20th, 2022 – May 18th, 2023
Tuesday & Thursday evenings, 5:30pm – 7:30/8:00 pm:
Program Locations: Virtual & at Raleigh Pathways Center: 900 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27601

APPLICATION OPTIONS

1. Typed as a Microsoft Word Document of Fillable PDF

2. Printed and Handwritten. Handwritten applications should be mailed or faxed with the information below.

Attn: Bradley Upchurch
Raleigh Pathways Center
900 S. Wilmington Street
Raleigh, NC 27601
Tele: 919-996-5524
Fax: 919-996-7429
Email: Bradley.upchurch@raleighnc.gov

PLEASE READ BEFORE APPLYING:

COVID 19 Vaccination Requirement:

The program follows the City of Raleigh's Vaccination Policy for Volunteers and Interns that work with and for the City of Raleigh. In order to fulfill the program's volunteer service requirement, you must be able to show proof of a COVID-19 Vaccination before performing service through the Raleigh Digital Connectors Program.

Application Deadline is Friday, July 15th, 2022

Please sign below that you understand the City of Raleigh's Volunteers and Interns Vaccination Requirement and that you are aware of the application deadline.

Parent Signature: _____ Date:_____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date:_____

APPLICATION			
PERSONAL INFORMATION			
Full Name:			
Home Address:			
City, State, Zip:			
Home Phone:		**Applicant's Cell Phone:**	
Current Age:		**Date of Birth:**	
E-mail Address:			
Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s):			
Address(es) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s):			

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Phone Number(s):

Home:	**Work:**	**Cell:**

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) E-mail Address(es):

If your child is selected for an interview which number is the most preferred for scheduling an interview? Please Indicate One

Home	Parent Cell	Applicant's Cell	Work

EDUCATION

Name of High School/College (Current):

Grade/Class (Current):	**Expected Year of Graduation:**

WORK / VOLUNTEER/ EXTRA CURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

List your previous work, volunteer, and/or extra-curricular experience. Start with the most recent.

Employer/Organization Name	Position/Role	Dates of Employment/Activity Month/Year	Contact Info Supervisor, Address, Phone
1)			
2)			
3)			

TECHNOLOGY

Rate your ability to use technology:

☐ High   ☐ Medium   ☐ Low   ☐ Not at all

Have you ever TAKEN a technology course or training before?
Yes ☐ No ☐

Course Name	**School Name**

Have you ever TAUGHT a technology course or training before?
Yes ☐ No ☐

Course Name	**School Name or Organization Name or Other**

Do you have a computer at home?   Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you have Internet access at home?   Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you have a Smartphone?   Yes ☐   No ☐

How often do you use a computer?

☐ Daily   ☐ 3 times per week   ☐ Once a week   ☐ Not at all

How often do you use the Internet?

☐ Daily   ☐ 3 times per week   ☐ Once a week   ☐ Not at all

SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

How do you rate your skills in the areas below? Mark one box for each area.

Area	High	Medium	Low	Not at all
Internet (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, etc.)				
E-mail (MS Outlook, Gmail, Yahoo, etc.)				
Social Media (Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, etc.)				
Microsoft Office (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint)				
Coding (Web Design, Scratch, HTML, CSS)				
Digital Media (Music, Photography, Movie Maker, Video)				
Graphics (Photoshop, Illustrator, etc.)				
Tablets/iPads/Smartphones				
Wiring and Cabling for Networks				
Software Installation				
PC Troubleshooting and Maintenance				
Operating systems (check all that apply): ____ Windows ____ Mac O/S				
Blogs, Discussion Groups, Podcasting				
Other: (Robotics, 3D Printing, etc.)				

Short Answer Questions
Answer each of the questions below.
Please be thorough with your responses. You may attach additional pages if necessary.

1. Describe a situation or experience where you have taken leadership:

2. As a leader, what are your strengths and challenges?

Strengths (at least 3):

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Challenges (at least 3):

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3. Describe a situation or experience where you have been a teacher to someone:

4. What are your future goals?

5. The Raleigh Digital Connectors program is an exciting technology initiative that bridges youth with others in their local neighborhoods to promote technology awareness and adoption. In one paragraph, share why you want to be part of this program and what you want to learn as a program participant.

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6. How did you hear about this program?

Privacy Notification:
The City of Raleigh maintains strict confidentiality and privacy practices to safeguard your personal information. By submitting an application you will provide personally identifiable information including, but not limited to your name, address, and telephone number. The information you provide will be used for the sole purpose of processing your application. If accepted into a stipend based or internship program, your social security number will be required to process stipends and wages. The City of Raleigh will restrict access to your information to only those who have a business reason to know your information, unless required by law.

Non-Discrimination Policy:
The policy of the City of Raleigh is, and shall be, to oppose any discrimination based on actual or perceived age, mental or physical disability, sex, religion, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, familial or marital status, economic status, veteran status or national origin in any aspect of modern life.

Release, Indemnity, and Agreement Not to Sue
I understand that participating in the recreational program selected involves risk of injury or illness. These risks include, but are not limited to, inclement weather, accidents while traveling, food related illness, equipment problems or failures, contact with and actions of other participants, spectators, and volunteers, slips/trips/falls, and musculoskeletal injuries, among others. I choose for myself or for my child to participate in the selected programs despite the risks. By signing the Program Registration form, I acknowledge all risks of injury, illness, death, and property damage, and affirm that I have assumed all responsibility of injury, illness, or death in any way connected with participation in the program. I also agree for myself and for any child participant to follow all rules and procedures of the program and to follow the reasonable instructions of the teachers and supervisors of the program.

In return for the opportunity to participate in this program, I agree for myself and for my heirs, assigns, executors, and administrators to release, waive, and discharge any legal rights I may have to seek payment or relief of any kind from the City, its employees or its agents for injury, illness, or death resulting from this program. If I am registering a child for a program, I agree that I am a parent, legal guardian, or am otherwise responsible for the child whose application I am submitting and that I release, waive, and discharge any legal rights that I may assert on behalf of the child participation in the program. I also agree not to sue the City, its employees, or its agents and agree to indemnify the City for all claims, damages, losses, or expenses, including attorney's fees, if a suit is filed concerning an injury, illness, or death to me or to my child resulting from participation in the program.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the City of Raleigh policies listed on this form. My signature also verifies that all information stated is correct.

_____   _____
Raleigh Digital Connector Applicant   **Date**

_____   _____
Parent/Legal Guardian of Raleigh Digital Connector   **Date**
(If applicant is under 18)