

The U Team Application 2026-2027

Fascinate-U Mission: Fascinate-U Children's Museum connects young minds to their future through interactive experiences rooted in role-playing, creativity, and fun. Through hands-on exhibits and programs, we introduce children, from birth to twelve years old, to the world of science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM), helping them explore who they are and how the world works.

Fascinate-U Vision: We envision Fascinate-U as the region's leading hub for wonder, inquiry, and STEAM-based learning; a place where all children can explore boldly, imagine freely, and grow into their potential through joyful, hands-on discovery.

The U Team Mission: The U Team brings bold ideas, big questions, and creative voices to help shape the future of Fascinate-U. We dream, design, and spread the word; becoming proud advocates who make the museum more awesome for everyone!

Responsibilities

- Serve as museum ambassadors by promoting the museum throughout the community
- Assist with evaluation of current programs and exhibits
- Generate new ideas for programs and exhibits
- Assist with planning and management of special events
- Engage in giving back to the community

Qualifications

- 8-13 years old
- Commit to attend at least 4 of 6 regularly scheduled meetings throughout the year (see back for schedule)
- Commit to participate in 3 volunteer opportunities throughout the year (see back for examples)
- Commit to a one year term (January-September) with a term limit of 2 years for all council members

Application Process

- Applications for the 2026 U Team are **due by Nov. 15, 2026.**
- Applications will be reviewed and applicants will be notified by Nov. 30, 2026.
- Please send completed application to:

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Fascinate-U Children's Museum
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Fayetteville, NC 28301
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amanda@fascinate-u.com



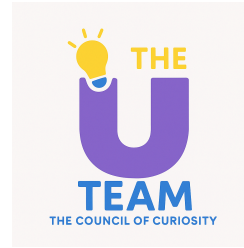
Members of The U Team Council are expected to attend at least *6 of the 9* **regularly scheduled meetings**, on Thursdays, from 4:30-5:30PM at the Fascinate-U Children's Museum. All meetings will be facilitated by at least one museum staff member.

Meeting Times for 2026-2027
*Meetings are scheduled from 4:30PM-5:30PM
Thursday, January 21st
Thursday, February 18th
Thursday, March 18th
Thursday, April 15th
Thursday, May 20th
Thursday, June 17th (Celebration)

In addition to the regularly scheduled meetings, members of The U Team are expected to participate in at least 3 **volunteer opportunities** throughout the year. Volunteer opportunities include helping out at special events (under the supervision of a staff member or a parent) or working on a museum project.

Volunteer Opportunities
*Specific details will be communicated and signed up through as the events get closer
Special Sensory Mornings
Annual Events (5 to choose between)
Saturday Programs (offered monthly)
Other events

Questions? Contact Amanda at 910 829-9171 or amanda@fascinate-u.com.



The U Team Application

Name: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

I am: (circle your **top 5** that apply or add your own)

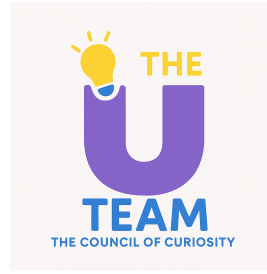
Creative	clever	brave	dependable	artistic
thoughtful	outgoing	helpful	smiley	organized
curious	crafty	athletic	energetic	talkative
calm	careful	talented	silly	adventurous

Others: _____

Describe yourself by any means (video, essay, artwork) and tell us all of the things that make you a unique and wonderful candidate for The U Team. *Video submissions are strongly encouraged.* (attach works to this application or email them to amanda@fascinate-u.com)

Be Sure to Include things such as:

- Why you want to be a member of The U Team
- If you were on The U Team, what ideas would you propose to improve the museum?
- What are some things you would be curious to learn about related to the museum?
- What school/community activities are you involved in?
- Any hobbies or other interests that you have



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Your Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact (different from above): _____

Phone Number: _____

Known Allergies: _____

T-Shirt Size: ☐YS ☐YM ☐YL ☐AS ☐AM ☐AL ☐AXL

How did you hear about this program?

☐Museum Email Newsletter

☐Social Media

☐Museum website

☐Volunteer Helpline

☐Flyer

☐Word of Mouth

☐Other: _____

The U Team AGREEMENT FORM

If selected for The U Team, I will:

- Attend at least 6 of 9 regularly scheduled meetings
- Participate in at least 3 other volunteer opportunities
- Share with others about Fascinate-U Children's Museum

I understand:

- I won't get paid for this
- Photos and videos might be taken that include me and they may be used in print or online
- I can stop at any time if The U Team is not for me

I will do my best to:

- Share my ideas in a respectful way
- Listen thoughtfully to others' ideas
- Be respectful to all members of the team, including the adult leaders

Child's Printed Name: _____

Child's Signature: _____ Date: _____

I understand the commitment that my child and I are making, and I will help my child follow this agreement. I (we) have received a copy of Agreement Form being submitted on behalf of _____ as a candidate for The U Team. I (we) have reviewed this application and agreement form including identified responsibilities and expectations and give consent for his/her participation. It is understood and agreed that Fascinate-U Children's Museum and its staff, volunteers, board members, representatives and agents shall not be responsible or legally liable for any losses of personal property or for any bodily injuries, or the results thereof, incurred and suffered by The U Team Member in connection with his/her participation in The U Team program.

By signing this agreement, I (we) hereby waive any claims associated with this program.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

To be completed by a museum representative if applicant is selected for The U Team

This agreement is accepted by:

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____