

BUSH FAMILY HOME JUNIOR DOCENT PROGRAM

The Bush Family Home State Historic Site is seeking student volunteers who would like to learn how to give tours to the general public. The home has been restored to the early 1950s and reflects the lives of the young Bush family through exhibits and furnishings. Nowhere outside the United States, other than the White House, have so many prominent political figures lived in one home—two presidents, two governors, and a first lady.

What is the Junior Docent Program?

Junior docents will learn how to give tours to visitors about the Bush family and their time while living in the home. Ideal applicants will have a strong desire to share knowledge with the public, a commitment to learn, and a positive attitude. This is a valuable volunteer opportunity for teens to build and develop public speaking, presentation, and communication skills.

Expectations and Requirements:

- Students in the 8th – 12th grade for the 2024-2025 school year may apply.
- During the fall semester, junior docents attend training sessions with guest speakers about public speaking skills on the second Tuesday of each month from 5-7 pm.
- Junior docents will volunteer one Saturday shift each month (either 10am – 1 pm or 1-4 pm) during the school year to learn how to give tours of the Bush Family Home.
- The first training session and meeting is on Tuesday, September 10, 2024.
- Docents receive a letter of recommendation after successful completion of the program.
- Application deadline: August 31st, 2024
- Completed applications should be emailed to bushfamilyhome@thc.texas.gov