

# Volunteers Needed: 2025-2026

*If you are responsible, enthusiastic, and enjoy working with children, then we want you!*

**What is ROMKids?** One of the city's most creative and diverse camps for over 80 years, ROMKid's offers an exciting array of fun, activity-based programs inspired by the collections and research of our world-class museum. ROM's fascinating galleries, authentic artifacts, and outstanding professional staff guarantee that our camp experience will be hard to beat.

## What do ROMKids volunteers do?

Volunteers act as assistants to the course instructors. Some of the ways they help are by:

- preparing material for activities
- facilitating children's activities
- helping with clean-up after activities
- assisting in escorting children through the Museum and on field trips
- providing supervision during breaks

At the completion of the program, volunteers will be provided a service letter indicating the number of hours volunteered.

## What to know before I apply?

In order to keep all staff, volunteers, and visitors safe, ROMKid's is operating under the following parameters:

- **Volunteers must be 16 years of age by December 31 2025** to be eligible to volunteer. Applicants who have attended **ROMKids Leadership** camp **must be 15 years of age by the end of December 31 2025** to be eligible to volunteer.
- More information can be found [here](#). If you have any questions please get in touch with us at [studio@rom.on.ca](mailto:studio@rom.on.ca).

## How do I Apply?

Simply fill out the following form and return by **e-mail no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, October 7th**. To provide everyone with a clear idea of how ROM Camp works and what the role of a volunteer is, we are holding an **orientation/information session on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**. **Attendance is mandatory**; you will not be contacted inviting you to the orientation. **Only those who attend orientation will be considered for a position**. Meet at the Staff Entrance on the south side of the Museum no earlier than 8:45 AM (between the Museum and the Planetarium).

## Please Note:

The number of volunteer positions available is based on the number of activities run and anticipated visitor attendance. Attendance at the orientation session does not guarantee a position with ROMKids. A complete application and a positive review at orientation are also necessary to gain a volunteer position. If you are not accepted as a volunteer for this session, we welcome you to apply again in the future with the same or an updated application. Successful applicants will be contacted shortly after the orientation.

Questions or concerns? Please email us at [studio@rom.on.ca](mailto:studio@rom.on.ca).

## Volunteer Application

**Complete & return to:**

Alexandra Schnekenburger, ROMKids Coordinator and Assistant Camp Director

Phone: 416.586.8043 Email: [studio@rom.on.ca](mailto:studio@rom.on.ca)

Royal Ontario Museum, 100 Queen's Park, Toronto, ON, M5S 2C6

### Personal Data

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Pronouns

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street # Street Name Apt # City Postal Code

**TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be 16 years or older by the end of 2025? Yes / No

Have you enrolled in ROM Leadership Camp before? Y / N Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered "No" and have attended the Leadership Camp previously, will you be 15 by end of 2025: Yes / No

Do you have experience playing Dungeons and Dragons and/or experience as a Dungeon Master:

Please indicate the last ROMKids orientation you attended if you have previously applied for one of our programs: \_\_\_\_\_

Education		
Academic level	Highest level completed	Type of certificate or diploma
Secondary School		
Community College or University		
Other		

List of languages spoken:

If you have been accepted as a volunteer with our ROM Camp (2023/2024 or 2024/2025) you do not need to submit new references or the written component.

Questions 1 and 2 should be typed and approximately 100-150 words in length each. Question 3 is optional but should be no more than 1 page in length. **Question 3 must be submitted digitally.**

1. Please discuss any qualifications, skills, interests, experience or training you may have that would contribute to your success as a volunteer assistant.
2. Please discuss what you hope to gain out of volunteering.
3. Through some form of creative piece (drawing, poem, song, short story etc.), explain how your experience and skills would benefit the ROM Camp experience. Have some fun with it, show your spirit and be creative!

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## Camp Availability

2025 - 2026	
You must be available for the entirety of a session, to apply. Please note, our Saturday Club program has morning and afternoon shifts, while our March Break and PA Day camps are full day only.	
Date	MORNING (8:30 AM-12:30 PM) or AFTERNOON (12:00 PM - 4:30 PM), or FULL DAY (8:30 AM-4:30 PM)
Fall Saturday Club 2025: October 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, December 6	
Winter Saturday Club 2026: January 10, 17, 24, 31 February 7, 21, 28, March 7 (no camp on February 14)	
Spring Saturday Club 2026: April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 23, 30, June 6 (no camp on May 16)	
Date	Availability for the FULL DAY, 8:30am to 4:30pm
PA Day: September 26, 2025	
PA Day: October 10, 2025	
PA Day: November 14, 2025	
PA Day: January 16, 2026	
PA Day: February 13, 2026	
PA Day: June 5, 2026	
March Break Camp: March 16 to 20, 2026	

## Application Checklist

Only those who have successfully completed their application form on time may attend orientation. Please consult the following checklist to ensure that you have properly completed your application.

Availability\_\_ /Personal data \_\_ /Written component \_\_ /2 references\_\_/

If selected, you may be required to submit for a Vulnerable Sectors Check. All selected candidates will be provided paperwork to submit for one.

Please feel free to attach your resume or anything you think will help your application.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2025-2026 Volunteer Assistant Reference Form 1

**Please have a person submit a reference on your behalf.** Parents, friends, and other family members are not suitable references. Please have teachers, coaches, or previous employers fill out your references. These forms should be submitted with your volunteer application or emailed directly to [studio@rom.on.ca](mailto:studio@rom.on.ca).

The following section should be filled out by the volunteer reference.

Applicant Name:	Email:	Phone Number:
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Reference Name:	Email:	Phone Number:
In what capacity have you known the applicant?		How long have you known the applicant for?

The collection of personal information is governed by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Private Act (FIPPA).

Should you have any questions regarding privacy provisions, please contact Kiron Mukherjee, ROMKids Manager 416.586.8043

Please evaluate the applicant in the following areas.

Note the number that best describes the applicant's performance in the comment box.

<b>1. Attitude and Enthusiasm</b> 5 – Outstanding 4 – Above Average 3 – Average 2 – Needs Improvement 1 – Unsatisfactory Comment:
<b>2. Quality of Work</b> 5 – Outstanding 4 – Above Average 3 – Average 2 – Needs Improvement 1 – Unsatisfactory Comment:
<b>3. Ability to Work with Others</b> 5 – Outstanding 4 – Above Average 3 – Average 2 – Needs Improvement 1 – Unsatisfactory Comment:
<b>4. Ability to Follow Direction</b> 5 – Outstanding 4 – Above Average 3 – Average 2 – Needs Improvement 1 – Unsatisfactory Comment:
<b>5. Dependability</b> 5 – Outstanding 4 – Above Average 3 – Average 2 – Needs Improvement 1 – Unsatisfactory Comment:

The position of volunteer assistant involves working with children and youth in a leadership capacity.

**Are you aware of any reasons why the applicant should not work with children?** YES ☐ NO ☐

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reference Name:	Email:	Phone Number:
In what capacity have you known the applicant?		How long have you known the applicant for?

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Are you aware of any reasons why the applicant should not work with children? YES ☐ NO ☐

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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