

Application Overview and Guidelines

What is Stewards of the Reef?

Stewards of the Reef is a program dedicated to students in grades 10-12 and designed to increase local awareness about the importance of protection and management of our coral reefs and related ecosystems. The program is also focused on establishing strategic alliances with community based organizations and local agencies.

Who can apply?

- Youth between grades 10-12 who are enrolled in high school.
- A minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00
- Resident of the Virgin Islands

What is the application process?

There are three phases to the application process:

1. Interest Meeting
2. Application Deadline
3. Selection of Participants

How do I apply?

Applicants must complete all sections of the application form. This includes:

- Responding to the mandatory essay question;
- Providing a copy of academic report card;
- Completing all necessary waivers;
- Listing a valid email address that you check frequently. If you do not have an email address, you can create a free email account at various web hosts including but not limited to www.gmail.com; www.hotmail.com; www.aol.com; www.yahoo.com; etc.

When is the deadline to submit my application?

Applicants must submit: 1. Completed Application; 2. Essay Response; 3. Completed Waivers; 4. Proof of Insurance; 5. Proof of Identity; and 6. Head shot photo NO LATER THAN 5:00 p.m. (EST) on December 10, 2016 to the State STEM Director, Virgin Islands Department of Education.

- Office of the State STEM Director, VIDE Main Complex- 1834 Kongens Gade St. Thomas, VI, 00802
- State Office of Curriculum and Instruction, VIDE Main Complex- 2133 Hospital Street, Christiansted, St. Croix 00820

What happens after I submit my application?

All applications will be reviewed for eligibility. Those accepted into the program will be contacted by Mrs. Shamika Williams-Henley, State STEM Director. Please keep in mind that submission of an application does not guarantee acceptance into the Stewards of the Reef program.

For more information about Stewards of the Reef, please visit us at <http://vide.vi/our-divisions/ste-a-m.html>. If you have questions about completing the application, please contact Mrs. Williams-Henley at 340-774-0100 ext. 8027 shamika.williams@vide.vi.

One application will be accepted for each applicant. SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE ELIGIBILITY OR ENROLLMENT INTO THE PROGRAM. Failure to answer any question may result in an ineligible application. All information on this application will be reviewed and preserved with the strictest confidentiality.

1. Social Security Number (Please be accurate)																																							
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2. Last Name										3. First Name										4. MI																			
5. Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY)										6. Gender (Check one)				7. Grade																									
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8. School: _____										9. District: _____																													
10. Applicant's Street Address (Number And Street)										11. Apt.					12. Zip Code																								
13. Applicant's Mailing Address																																							
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16. Applicant's Home Phone #					17. Applicant's Cell Phone #					18. Applicant's Email																													
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19. Name of Parent or Legal Guardian (Last Name)					20. First Name					21. Emergency Contact Phone #																													
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22. Applicant's Head Shot Photo

In 250 words or more, please describe why would you like to join Stewards of the Reef Program? *

-What do you hope to get out of the program?
 -What would you contribute to the program?

Please attach your response.

23. Career Goals

24. What is the applicant's long-term career goal? List three (3) options: 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____

25. Add'l Info: Is the applicant or any member of the household (0-64 years of age) covered by Medical Insurance? Yes No

If Yes, please provide the name of the health insurance carrier _____ Policy Number: _____ Group ID Number: _____

CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY: I, the undersigned, certify that all information on this form is true and correct. I understand that my statements are subject to verification. I agree and accept that I will abide by all applicable rules and regulations of this program.

Applicant Signature _____	Date _____
Parent/Guardian Signature _____	Date _____
State STEM Director Signature _____	Date _____

Application Checklist

- 1. Completed Application _____
- 2. Proof of Medical Insurance _____
- 3. Signed Waiver _____
- 4. Essay Response _____
- 5. Most Recent Report Card _____
- 6. Proof of Identity _____
- 7. Head Shot Photo _____

APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 5:00PM December 10, 2016

**For more information about Stewards of the Reef please call
Shamika Williams-Henley at (340) 774-0100 ext. 8027.**

