



# VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

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This application applies to individuals interested in volunteer opportunities at the Ordway-Swisher Biological Station. Please contact Jennifer Klindt, Land Manager, at 352-294-3693 or [Jennifer.Klindt@ufl.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Klindt@ufl.edu), for more information on volunteering.

## 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. VOLUNTEER CATEGORIES

The following general volunteer categories are available. Please select one or more that you may be interested in.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Exotic-Invasive Plant Control    | <input type="checkbox"/> Road/Firebreak Maintenance     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Botanical Sample Collecting      | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resource Management    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office/Clerical/Computers work   | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed Fire Management     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction/General Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring/Research Assistance |

## 3. QUALIFICATIONS

What qualifications/skills/experience/education do you have to offer as a volunteer?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Operation of Farm Machinery | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildland Fire Operations        | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Surveying        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Operation of Chainsaws      | <input type="checkbox"/> Herbicides Applicator's License | <input type="checkbox"/> GIS/GPS Mapping       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Auto/Engine Repair              | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Certificate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat Operation/Canoes       | <input type="checkbox"/> Clerical Skills/Computer        | <input type="checkbox"/> Biology               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hand/Power Tools            | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing/Editing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Botany                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welding/Fabrication         | <input type="checkbox"/> Website Authoring               | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping/Reforestation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Entry                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Ecology      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Custodial/Housekeeping      | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____           |

Under certain circumstances, additional training may be provided by OSBS staff.

## 4. AVAILABILITY:

Which months would you be available for volunteer work?  Year round  
 Jan.  Feb.  Mar.  Apr.  May  Jun.  Jul.  Aug.  Sept.  Oct.  Nov.  Dec.

How often would you be available for volunteer work?  
 Daily  Weekly  Bi-weekly  Monthly Other \_\_\_\_\_

Which days of the week would you be available for volunteer work?  
 Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday  Saturday  Sunday

How many hours per week would you be available for volunteer work? \_\_\_\_\_ Hours



**5. ORDWAY-SWISHER BIOLOGICAL STATION POLICIES:**

- Individuals are responsible for following OSBS policies. The latest version can be found at:  
<http://ordway-swisher.ufl.edu/VisitingPolicies.aspx>

Have you read and understood the OSBS policies and regulations?  YES  NO

**6. BACKGROUND CHECK:**

- A criminal background check may be performed on applicants at the cost of OSBS. Would you agree to this?  YES  NO

**7. UF VOLUNTEER FORM:**

- Once a person is accepted as an OSBS volunteer, they will be required to complete a UF Volunteer Form.

If there are no volunteer opportunities available at this time, may we keep your application on file in case an opportunity becomes available in the future?  YES  NO

Your application will be evaluated using the following considerations: Availability of staff's time to supervise volunteer(s); Available projects needing volunteer assistance that coincide with the applicant's skill set(s); Applicants schedule.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Name (Print legibly)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Program Coordinator's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Volunteer's Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

**VOLUNTEER'S DUTIES:**