



McDowell Sonoran Conservancy (MSC)

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Steward Application Form

Print Form

Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer with the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy (MSC). We are a non-profit organization, whose volunteers maintain the City of Scottsdale—owned McDowell Sonoran Preserve for the benefit of this and future generations.

Please take a few minutes to complete this form and return it to the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy offices: (two options)

1. Complete this form on your computer, print the completed form and mail it to:
McDowell Sonoran Conservancy
16435 N. Scottsdale Rd., Ste. 110
Scottsdale, AZ 85254
2. Print this blank form, complete it then mail it to the address above.

There is a one-time orientation fee of \$35 to offset the cost of food, T-shirts and materials. Scholarships are available. Payment must be made no later than 2 weeks prior to the start of class to hold your place. You can include a check made out to MSC with your mailed application, or call us with your credit card information. Our office number is 480-998-7971. Ask for Jill at x104.

After we receive your application and payment, a McDowell Sonoran Conservancy Steward will conduct a brief, phone interview with you, which is intended to help us learn more about you and your interests, and then match you with a Steward mentor.

Personal Information:

First Name _____ Last Name: _____

Preferred name or Nickname for badge: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____
(number) (street) (city) (state) (zip code)

Preferred Contact Phone Number: _____ ☐ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Work

Other Contact Phone Number: _____ ☐ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Work

Best time of day to contact?: _____

T-shirt size: _____ Birthdate: mm/dd _____

Summer Address (If different from above) _____

How did you hear about our volunteer program? _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Please provide the name of the person we should contact in an emergency:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone Numbers: Cell: _____ Work: _____ Home: _____

Employment Status:

☐ Employed ☐ Retired ☐ Unemployed ☐ Full-time Student ☐ Other

Employer/School/Former Position if Retired: _____

Does your company match donations to charitable organizations? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Skills and Experience: Please check any that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Relations	<input type="checkbox"/> Educator
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific Research	<input type="checkbox"/> Project Management
<input type="checkbox"/> CPR or CCC Training	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance
<input type="checkbox"/> Writing/Editing	<input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design	<input type="checkbox"/> First Aid
<input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Biking	<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising
<input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

Please indicate when you are available to volunteer:

☐ Weekdays ☐ Weekends ☐ Mornings ☐ Afternoons ☐ Evenings ☐ Summer

Winter residents, please list months available: _____

Volunteer Commitments To Become a Steward:

1. Attend the one-day New Steward Orientation (NSO)
2. Attend (at least) one Program orientation/training session
3. Volunteer 20 hours of your time (including NSO and Program orientation)
4. Log/Report those 20 hours on the MSC website

NOTE: MSC Stewards are also, technically, volunteers with the City of Scottsdale. The City requires its volunteers be fingerprinted and that background checks be conducted. Fingerprinting and pictures are taken at New Steward Orientation. City of Scottsdale volunteers are covered by Scottsdale's liability insurance and Arizona's worker's compensation plan whenever you are working on behalf of the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy in the Preserve.

Volunteer Commitments as an MSC Steward:

Our MSC "culture of stewardship" is one of volunteering one's time, talent and annual financial support. Many Stewards volunteer more than 100 hours a year, but

all Stewards simply volunteer as they are able. Our emphasis is to document all volunteer hours by logging/reporting on the MSC website.

Volunteer Interest Information:

MSC has 11 programs available for volunteers. Please review this list and choose 5 programs that interest you the most. Rank them from 1 to 5, with 1 being of highest interest.

☐ **Construction & Maintenance:** Work with a team to complete trail projects (trail building, maintenance, abandonment, revegetation, etc.) in the Preserve

☐ **Community Relations:** Promote MSC activities at community events (thru MSC outreach booth)

☐ **Hike Program:** Lead and assist with various types of guided hikes in the Preserve

☐ **Nature Guides:** Provide hands-on, trailside information and activities to visitors

☐ **Office & IT:** Help staff with office work, mailings, or with MSC's IT needs and website

☐ **Partnership Development:** Develop corporate support and help with MSC's premiere events (Walk, Run & Roll; MSC Challenge, etc.)

☐ **Pathfinders:** Greet people and give out information at trailhead/entry points to the Preserve

☐ **Patrol:** Protect and maintain the Preserve by patrolling on foot, mountain bike and/or horseback

Check as many as appropriate: ☐ Patrol – Hike ☐ Patrol – Bicycle ☐ Patrol – Equestrian

☐ **Research:** Become a citizen scientist and participate in the McDowell Sonoran Field Institute

☐ **Steward Education:** Help with New Steward Orientation and continuing education opportunities

☐ **Volunteer Support:** Plan MSC Steward celebrations, coordinate recognition and foster retention

Volunteer Agreement:

I understand that if I do not attend NSO, complete and log required training and volunteer hours, or do not abide by the volunteer policies and procedures set by MSC, I may risk termination of my volunteer duties. ***I agree*** ☐ (please check this box)

Signature of Volunteer: _____ Date: _____