PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION
Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland

NATIONAL GOLD MEDAL AWARD WINNER

Do you qualify?
Students must be 16 years old **OR** enrolled as a sophomore in high school. They must be able to commit to at least eight out of the nine Saturday sessions. Applicants have to be eligible to work in the United States.

How to apply:
Complete your application packet and have an adult complete your recommendation. If you do not know where to submit your application packet, please contact us. Your mentor should email, mail or fax the recommendation to us, OR they can give it to you in a signed and sealed envelope to submit with your application.

Deadline to Apply:

JANUARY 18, 2013

Contact information:
Kelly Rosteck, Environmental Education Teen Programs
503-823-6378
grunt@portlandoregon.gov
2909 SW 2nd Ave, Portland OR, 97201

GRUNT 2012 Application

Name:_____
First Middle Last

Address:_____

City: _____ State:_____ Zip:_____

E-mail address: _____

Phone:_____ -_____- _____ What type of phone? ___ Cell phone ___ Home phone
Do you accept text messages at this number? _____

What is the best way to get in touch with you? ___email _____ phone _____ mail ____ facebook

Date of Birth:_____ Age: _____ Current Grade level:_____Anticipated Graduation year: _____

T-shirt size: _____ Gender: _____
(We order shirts in both male and female sizes. Ladies: sometimes the female sizes can be smaller than the normal T-shirt)

School:_____ Science Teacher: _____

Which of the following organizations or programs do you connect with? Check ALL that apply.

- ☐ POIC
- ☐ Office of Youth Violence Prevention
- ☐ NAYA
- ☐ Ortiz Family Services
- ☐ Hacienda CDC
- ☐ Free & Reduced Lunch Program
- ☐ BSK (Brother's & Sister's Keepers)
- ☐ IRCO
- ☐ Catholic Charities - El Programa Hispano
- ☐ Volunteers of America - Adelante
- ☐ MEChA
- ☐ DHS
- ☐ Other (_____)
- ☐ Other (_____)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 18

How to apply:

- Complete this application fully. Have a parent or guardian sign your health form.
- Give the Recommendation form to a mentor (coach, teacher, JCC, court advocate, employer, counselor, etc.). Make sure they put it in a **sealed & signed envelope**, OR that they mail, email or fax it directly to us.
- Turn in your application and recommendation letter by the deadline.

How did you learn about GRUNT (please be as specific as possible)?

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Why are you interested in GRUNT?

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Please describe any volunteer, leadership or work experience you have had.

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What positive attributes can you bring to G.R.U.N.T.?

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What are your future goals?

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Will you be absent from any of the 10 sessions? _____

If yes, which session(s) will you have to miss? _____

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Recommendation Letter
To be completed by an adult mentor

(examples: coach, teacher, employer, JCC, counselor, etc.)

Dear Mentor,

_____***(student's name)*** is applying to be a part of GRUNT (Greenspaces Restoration & Urban Naturalist Team).

GRUNT is…
an environmentally based job skills program for teens. GRUNT participants spend Saturdays outside in various greenspaces close to home learning and teaching the fundamentals of professionalism and ecology. Through GRUNT teens are exposed to new and engaging activities and concepts not traditionally taught in schools. With a positive attitude and the ambition to achieve participants work toward the goal of a paying summer position with Portland Parks & Recreation.

Qualifications:
Students must be enrolled as a sophomore in high school or be 16 years old. They must be able to commit to at least nine out of ten Saturday sessions, and be eligible to work in the United States.

Application procedure & deadline:
- **Deadline: January 18**
- Students must submit a complete application packet which includes: application AND a recommendation from you.
- Interviews will take place beginning January 26. The top 18 candidates will be selected.

This form must be in our hands by Jan. 18, 2013
Recommendations are private; students will not see them.

4 WAYS THAT A MENTOR CAN SUBMIT THIS RECOMMENDATION:
- Email to grunt@portlandoregon.gov
- Fax to 503-823-2358
- Mail to: GRUNT / 2909 SW 2nd Ave / Portland, OR 97201
- Give to student in a SIGNED AND SEALED envelope.

Program dates:
- Feb 9
- Feb 23
- March 2
- March 16
- March 30
- April 13
- April 27
- May 11
- May 25
- June 1 (GRADUATION & HIRING PAPERS)

Questions?
Please call or email with any questions!

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Recommendation from a Mentor

ATTENTION APPLICANT: This form must be filled out by a mentor; someone who knows you well but is not a relative. This could be a teacher, counselor, neighbor, JCC, or employer. This form must be filled out and recieved along with your application by January 18, 2013.

Applicant's name:_____

Mentor name:_____ Job Title: _____

Organization or affiliation: _____

Email:_____ Phone:_____

What is the best way to get in touch with you? ☐Phone ☐Email

What is your relationship with the applicant?_____
How long have you known the applicant?_____
Does the applicant meet the GRUNT qualifications? (Qualifications on front page)_____

We seek a diverse group of teens to create a balanced team.
How would you describe the applicant? (Check ALL that apply)

☐ Dependable	☐ Honest	☐ Energetic	☐ Needs opportunity & mentorship
☐ Motivated	☐ Needs support	☐ Economically disadvantaged	☐ Successful in School
☐ Confident	☐ Funny	☐ Adventurous	☐ Hands-on learner
☐ Curious	☐ Loud	☐ Stable home life	☐ Has many positive mentors
☐ Quiet	☐ Respectful	☐ Thoughtful	☐ Good listener
☐ Loyal	☐ Outgoing	☐ Thriving	☐ Good communicator
☐ Problem solver	☐ Responsible	☐ Positive	☐ Interested in the environment
☐ Highly motivated	☐ Enthusiastic	☐ Level-headed	☐ Likely to show up
☐ Independent	☐ Creative	☐ Bilingual	☐ Team player

Additional comments or reasons why you think this person would be an excellent candidate for GRUNT:

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May we contact you with any concerns? ☐Phone ☐Email

_____ _____
Signature Date