

## The First Life Science (FiLS) Program Volunteer Information Sheet



**Mission statement-** FiLS helps students discover and strengthen their natural curiosity through physically and mentally engaging activities that build self-confidence. FiLS wants to diversify the STEM workforce and create scientifically literate citizens that are capable of making informed decisions for self and family.

***We target K-12 students with an emphasis on pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students that are traditionally underrepresented\* in STEM fields.***

FiLS volunteers provide a framework for students to explore the world using their **curiosity** and **scientific thinking**. Volunteers provide project goals and useful materials, and **the students use natural curiosity to solve problems and answer questions**.



***FiLS volunteers are expertly trained, positive role models.***

### ***Requirements to volunteer with FiLS***

- Must be passionate about STEM
- Must be at least 15 years old (***Can be used for community service hours***)
- Complete online form <https://octo.quickbase.com/db/bg37a864v?a=dbpage&pageID=26>
  - Volunteer application
  - Fingerprinting
  - Tuberculosis test
  - Takes 5-10 days for clearance
- Able to commit to after-school visits
  - 1x per week
  - 3 hours per session
  - Up to 6 consecutive weeks
- Understand and prepare for lessons in advance



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*\*including ethnic minorities, women, students from low-income households, and potential 1<sup>st</sup> generation college students*