

Zoo Keeper I, Zoo

Annual Salary: \$26,332.80 Grade: 15 (Employees: Refer to Civil Service Rule VI.3.1 and VI.17 for promotional rate) Appointment to a position in the classified service shall be at the minimum of the corresponding pay range unless otherwise approved.

Benefits Offered: 23.09% employer retirement contribution; sick and vacation leave; health, dental, vision, and supplemental insurances offered.

Examination is announced to establish an employment list to fill vacancies in the Zoo department and future vacancies as they occur.

Kind of Work

The purpose of this classification is to fill vacancies in the Zoo department and future vacancies as they occur to perform manual and semi-skilled work in the care of exotic zoo animals, including large cats, and the maintenance of zoo grounds and facilities. This is a position that emphasizes manual work in behind-the-scenes care of animals and exhibits; individuals in this class will gradually assume a higher level of independence working with the animals and a higher degree of interaction with the public. Work is performed under general supervision. This position needs a basic understanding of enrichment and behavioral husbandry (animal training) principles. This position needs a basic knowledge of AZA and USDA regulations concerning animal welfare that govern operations.

Minimum Applicant Qualifications:

A.S. degree in one of the life sciences with at least two years of full-time, paid experience working with animals in an accredited institution;

OR

B.S. degree in one of the life sciences with experience working with animals;

OR

Five years full-time, paid experience working with animals in an accredited institution.

Must possess a valid driver's license. Will be required to obtain a valid State of Louisiana driver's license at time of appointment and maintain throughout employment for this classification.

Work Schedule:

40 Hours per Week, May include Weekends, Holidays, and Overtime

Kind of Examination

This examination may consist of a written test, a rating of training and experience, a performance test or any combination thereof deemed necessary to adequately screen and rank applicants. **Examination notices will be sent out via email with a testing date, time, and location.** Applicants must supply complete and accurate information concerning their previous training and experience including a detailed description of their work experience, the names and addresses of all previous employers and the dates of employment. The information is subject to verification.

Must include copies of driver's license, diploma, GED, DD214, degree, etc. with application.

Accepting applications: Until filled

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