

# MOUNT WILSON INSTITUTE

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## Docent Application Form

(PLEASE PRINT AND MAIL OR FAX FORM TO MWI)

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (line 1): \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Mount Wilson Institute (MWI) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt corporation that operates Mount Wilson Observatory pursuant to agreements with the Carnegie Institution of Washington and the United States Forest Service.

Docent volunteers are very important elements of the public outreach programs carried out on Mount Wilson, and MWI is always interested in receiving applications from potential docents. No in-depth knowledge of astronomy is required, and all the necessary training is provided prior to new docents taking on outreach responsibilities. We are looking for enthusiastic communicators who want to tell the wonderful story of Mount Wilson's scientific heritage.

Please check our website at [www.mtwilson.edu/docents.php](http://www.mtwilson.edu/docents.php) for our expectations of your service and benefits you gain from it. The most important duty of a docent is to provide guided tours of the Observatory grounds and facilities. Potential docents must realize that they will be working at an elevation of over 5700 feet and that a typical tour lasts two hours and involves somewhat over a mile long roundtrip walk that includes climbing stairways and walking up and down moderate slopes. Thus, good physical health and stamina are pre-requisites for docent service.

Please let us know a little bit about you by answering the following questions: (Please use the back of this page if you need more space.)

1. *Why do you wish to be a Mount Wilson Observatory docent?*
2. *Do you feel you have special skills and/or experiences that we should know about?*
3. *How many days per month would you be available to serve as a docent? Are there particular days when you are not available? (We expect docents to, on average, provide one tour per month.)*
4. *How did you most recently hear about Mount Wilson Observatory that inspired you to submit this application?*