

# River Steward Application

**What is the River Steward Program?** River Stewards are trained to be guides to the Mississippi River. They learn how to hike, bike, canoe, and camp on and around the river and how to teach these skills to others. They also become experts on the animals and plants that live near the river and how people impact the river. They help us teach others how to enjoy the Mississippi River and how to protect it.

**Who runs the program?** The Lower Mississippi River Foundation is a nonprofit that promotes the health of the Mississippi River. We have been operating in Helena and Clarksdale since 2011, providing field trips, summer camps and in-school programming to local youth.

**When and where do you meet?**

We meet on Tuesday and Thursday at our office at 107 Perry St in downtown Helena. Meetings are from 4:15-6pm and pick up is between 6 and 6:30.

We also meet one Saturday per month. On these Saturdays, we invite families and other community members to join us. This is the River Steward's opportunity to act as guides to others and show what they have learned.

**Attendance Policy:** For parent's piece of mind, it is important that your student attends if we are expecting them. If a student is going to be absent for any meeting we ask that parents contact us to let us know. In order to attend the Saturday trip, students must attend at least 75% of the Tuesday and Thursday meetings. This is usually equal to missing no more than two meetings per month.

**Who can apply?** We are looking for students who are adventurous, dedicated and want to help make their communities better. If that sounds like you, please apply! Fill out the application letting us know why you should be part of the program. We accept only 15 students at a time.

**What is the application process like?** After we receive your application we'll let you know if you have been selected to participate. We ask that you and a parent or guardian come to an informational meeting at our office to make sure the program is right for you. After the meeting, we'll ask you to fill out some additional paperwork.

**Costs:** There is no cost to participate in the program.

We look forward to working with you!

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Contact Shannon McMulkin with questions. 870-228-2421 [info@lowermsfoundation.org](mailto:info@lowermsfoundation.org)

### Student Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade level: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Garudian Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to student: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Best method to contact you? \_\_\_\_\_

*For the questions below make sure you write enough detail to help us understand why you should be part of the program. At least a paragraph is recommended. You may attach additional paper if needed.*

Please explain why you are interested in being part of this program.

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Why would you make a good River Steward? Explain any skills, experience or interstes that will make you a good fit for the program.

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\*Mail your completed application to us at 107 Perry St, Helena, AR 72342 or apply online at [lowermsfoundation.org](http://lowermsfoundation.org)

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By signing below you certify that you and your parent have read and understand the requirements for the program

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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