



Volunteer

application

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Corps**

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Instructions

Thank you for your interest in serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer. Should you become a Peace Corps Volunteer, you will be undertaking an exciting and life-changing experience.

The Peace Corps needs Volunteers with a wide variety of skills. These skills can be acquired through education, professional work experience, volunteer experience, or hobbies. This application is designed to give you the best opportunity to tell us about all of your skills.

To be eligible for Peace Corps service, you must:

- be a citizen of the United States;
- be at least 18 years of age; and
- meet the medical, legal, and security requirements.

Assignments are filled based on requests from Peace Corps host countries for Volunteers with specific skills. Complete the questions as fully as possible to give yourself the best chance for consideration.

Married couples are eligible, but both spouses must qualify and serve as Volunteers. Each spouse should complete a separate application, but the applications should be submitted together. We are unable to place families with dependent children.

We recommend that you review the application before you begin. Note that:

- the pages can be removed for use in a typewriter;
- questions 19 (Employment History), 21 (Community/Volunteer Activities) and 23 (Practical Experience) can be duplicated if additional blocks are needed;
- answers for questions 24 (Cross-Cultural Experience) and 25 (Motivation Statement) can be prepared on a computer and attached; and
- separated pages should be reassembled in sequential order.

Included with this packet is a health status review form. After completing the form, place it in the medical information envelope and submit it with the application packet. To serve as a Peace Corps Volunteer, you must be medically and dentally screened and qualified. If you are nominated for Peace Corps service, you will receive additional forms and instructions for completing your medical and dental examinations.

To apply, send your completed application and health status review form, along with one copy of a current résumé and copies of transcripts from all schools attended since high school, in the envelope provided. We look forward to receiving your application. You will hear from your Regional Office shortly!

If you have questions, please contact the Peace Corps Regional Office serving your state (see back cover). TDD services are available.

IMPORTANT

The Peace Corps does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, handicap, political affiliation, or sexual orientation. Anyone who feels he or she has been discriminated against should contact the Peace Corps American Diversity Office, Washington, D.C. 20526.

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EC _____	Lang 1 _____	Exp _____	Lang 2 _____	Exp _____
Ed level _____	College 1 _____	Degree 1 _____	Major 1 _____	Minor 1 _____
Grad date 1 _____	College 2 _____	Degree 2 _____	Major 2 _____	Grad date 2 _____
College 3 _____	Degree 3 _____	Major 3 _____	Grad Date 3 _____	Marital _____
Spouse full name _____	Spouse SSN _____		Dependents _____	
Source _____	Recruiter _____	Completed by _____	Date _____	

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Type or print legibly in black ink

1. Name _____
First Middle (not initial) Last

2. Social Security Number
_____ - _____ - _____

3. The earliest date you will be available for Peace Corps service

You will be considered for assignments beginning after this date. Please notify your recruiter if this date changes.

_____/_____/_____
Month Day Year

4. Date of Birth
_____/_____/_____
Month Day Year

5. Gender Female Male

6. Have you previously

If yes, give dates and location:

A. Submitted a Peace Corps application? Yes No _____

B. Participated in Peace Corps training? Yes No _____

C. Served as a Peace Corps Volunteer? Yes No _____

7. Are you applying to the Master's International Program? Yes No
School _____

8. Peace Corps Volunteers must be U.S. Citizens

A. Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No
If yes, give place of birth.

B. Certificate of Naturalization number if you are a naturalized citizen, or expected date of naturalization:

9. Address

A. Current Mailing Address
All information will be sent to this address until you notify the Peace Corps of a change of address.

B. Name and address of person through whom you can always be reached

Number and Street Apt. No.

First name Last name Relationship

City/State/Zip

Number and Street Apt. No.

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Home Phone

City/State/Zip

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Work Phone

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Home Phone

E-mail address (if available)

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Work Phone

C. Do you expect to move in the next 12 months? Yes No If yes, when? ____/____/____
Month Day Year

Please notify your recruiter of any change in either your address or that of the person through whom you can be reached.

10. Intelligence Activities and Organizations

Intelligence activity is defined as the clandestine collection, dissemination, or analysis of information intended for use by any government in formulating or implementing political or military policy in regard to other countries, and/or covert activities of any kind designed to influence events in foreign countries.

Persons who have been employed by an intelligence agency or otherwise associated with intelligence activities are ineligible to serve as Volunteers in most circumstances. This exclusionary policy is one aspect of the broader long-standing policy of maintaining a complete and total separation between the Peace Corps and the intelligence activities of the U.S. Government. This separation is necessary to protect Volunteers' safety and to maintain the trust and confidence of the people in the countries we serve.

Disqualifying Employment:

Persons who have been employed by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in any capacity are permanently ineligible for Peace Corps service. This exclusion applies to persons who served as interns, volunteers, or contractors for the CIA, regardless of the duties.

Persons who have served in other agencies or divisions of agencies that are substantially involved in intelligence activities are similarly ineligible regardless of the specific duties they may have performed. The National Security Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the Defense Mapping Agency are among the agencies covered by the policy. However, unlike the permanent disqualification that affects former CIA employees, former employees of these agencies may be eligible for Peace Corps service after ten years from their last date of employment with the agency.

Other Disqualifying Factors:

Persons whose work history involves a substantial connection with an intelligence agency or activity, through employment or otherwise, are ineligible for Peace Corps service for at least ten years from the date of their last connection with the activity.

If you have applied for employment with any intelligence agencies, you will be required to withdraw that application before entering Peace Corps service and to supply the Peace Corps with a copy of the letter to the agency requesting the withdrawal.

Individuals with close family relations who have engaged in intelligence activities may also be ineligible for Peace Corps service. If you have been associated, even through a close family member, with the CIA or other intelligence agencies, or otherwise with an intelligence activity, you or the relevant family member should consult with the General Counsel of the respective agency who will, in turn, consult with the Peace Corps General Counsel.

- A. Are you now or have you ever been associated with intelligence activities of any agency of the U.S. government or any other government?** Yes No

If yes, provide details including dates and agency or division for which the work was performed and/or the nature of the association. If military, give your MOS number code or designator, and any service schools attended, on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this page.

- B. Are you currently applying for employment with any intelligence agency or other organization associated with intelligence activities?** Yes No

11. Legal and Financial Information

Take special note that if you fail to disclose any prior or pending offenses or any unsatisfied financial obligations, the Peace Corps may delay your departure for training, revoke your invitation to serve, or disqualify you from Peace Corps service.

A. Prior or Pending Offenses:

If invited to serve in the Peace Corps, you must undergo, at a minimum, a National Agency Check (NAC) background investigation to help determine your legal eligibility for service. The necessary forms and fingerprint charts will be sent to you later.

- 1) Have you ever been convicted of, or pled guilty to, any offense in a civilian or military court or tribunal, or have you been subjected to any disciplinary action by a military court or tribunal? Yes No

Include misdemeanors, felonies, "open container" violations, and DUI/DWIs, but do not include traffic violations for which the entire penalty was a fine of \$200 or less, or non-felony offenses that occurred before your 18th birthday.

- 2) Are any charges (for any offense, including traffic offenses), civil suits, or judgments outstanding against you? Yes No

If you answered "yes" to either question, attach a separate sheet with your name and a complete explanation of each arrest, suit, judgment, disciplinary action, and pending charge, including the circumstances and nature of the charge or suit, its current status or disposition, and any sentence or fine imposed.

B. Financial Obligations:

Before you can serve in the Peace Corps, you must provide documentation establishing that you have made arrangements satisfactory to your lender(s) to defer, pay, or otherwise fulfill your financial obligations. Should you be recommended for an assignment, you will be required to submit this documentation to the Peace Corps Placement Unit. The Peace Corps may also obtain a credit report on you.

- 1) As of the date of this application, do you have any student loans? Yes No

If yes, please provide the following information (*attach a separate sheet if necessary*):

Type of Student Loan	Amount
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

- 2) As of the date of this application, do your other financial obligations (including, but not limited to, a mortgage, consumer debt, or credit card debt) total more than \$5,000? Yes No

If yes, please provide the following information (*attach a separate sheet if necessary*):

Type of Financial Obligation	Amount
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

- 3) Do you have any financial obligations—**regardless of the amount, and including those listed above**—that will not be paid in full, deferred, or otherwise fulfilled to your lender(s)' satisfaction prior to your departure for Peace Corps training? Yes No

If you have any questions about these legal and financial issues that your recruiter cannot answer, you may call the Peace Corps Legal Eligibility Office at (800) 424-8580, ext. 1845, for assistance.

14. Dependents

A. Are any persons partially or totally dependent upon you for support whether or not they are living with you? (If you answer no, skip to #15.) Yes No

B. List all children under age 18, whether or not they are dependent upon you for financial support.

Name of child	Address	Age	Dependent?
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

C. List all dependents not listed above for whom you have support obligations.

Name of dependent	Address	Relationship
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

D. Do you have adequate means to continue to meet your support obligations while serving without salary as a Volunteer? Yes No

If yes, please specify what arrangements would be made on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this page.

15. Job Preferences

List the work assignments in which you have an interest.
(Assignments are listed in the Peace Corps catalogue.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

16. Education

Attach a copy of transcripts from all schools attended since high school (an official copy is not necessary). Beginning with high school, list all schools attended.

Name of School, City and State	Major	Minor	From Mo/Yr	To Mo/Yr	Type of degree or diploma	Date rec'd or expected
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

17. Language Skills

Some assignments require previous language study. Please indicate your number of years of experience in learning and speaking languages other than English within the past ten years.

Language	# Years Studied			Spoken Abroad/Spoken at Home Place	From Mo/Yr	To Mo/Yr
	High School	College	Other			
Spanish	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
French	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

18. Licenses/Certificates

Are you or will you be a state-certified teacher?

Yes No

Subject and grade level _____

List other job-related licenses or certificates such as nursing, CPR, and skilled trades rankings including journeyman status, that you have or will have before entering the Peace Corps. *Include a photocopy of each current license/certificate.*

License or Certificate	Expiration Date	State or other Licensing Agency
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

19. Employment History

Attach to this page one copy of a current résumé.

Please complete this section starting with your most recent experience. Go back at least ten years. Include any self-employment, home management, and full- or part-time paid employment. Photocopy this page if additional sheets are necessary.

A. Current Employer

City/State

From (Mo/Yr) to (Mo/Yr)

Your title

Hours per week

Name of supervisor

May we contact your
current employer? Yes No

B. Employer

City/State

From (Mo/Yr) to (Mo/Yr)

Your title

Hours per week

Name of supervisor

Phone number

Reason for leaving

C. Employer

City/State

From (Mo/Yr) to (Mo/Yr)

Your title

Hours per week

Name of supervisor

Phone number

Reason for leaving

D. Employer

City/State

From (Mo/Yr) to (Mo/Yr)

Your title

Hours per week

Name of supervisor

Phone number

Reason for leaving

E. Employer

City/State

From (Mo/Yr) to (Mo/Yr)

Your title

Hours per week

Name of supervisor

Phone number

Reason for leaving

F. Employer

City/State

From (Mo/Yr) to (Mo/Yr)

Your title

Hours per week

Name of supervisor

Phone number

Reason for leaving

20. Time Gaps

Give specific dates and activities for each period of time greater than three months not otherwise accounted for by employment, school, military, etc.

21. Community/Volunteer Activities

Peace Corps assignments require applicants with leadership ability, creativity, initiative, and a willingness to work with others. Please describe your community, volunteer, or organizational work that demonstrates the following skills or abilities:

- Initiating or carrying out activities;
- Planning activities involving others;
- Organizing others to participate in activities or to perform tasks;
- Motivating others to get and stay involved; or
- Leading, supervising, or managing others.

List your most recent activity first. Do not include experiences already listed in employment history. Photocopy this page if additional sheets are necessary.

A. Organization

Position held _____

From (Mo/Yr) _____ to (Mo/Yr) _____

Hours per week _____

Name of supervisor _____

Phone number _____

Duties/achievements _____

C. Organization

Position held _____

From (Mo/Yr) _____ to (Mo/Yr) _____

Hours per week _____

Name of supervisor _____

Phone number _____

Duties/achievements _____

B. Organization

Position held _____

From (Mo/Yr) _____ to (Mo/Yr) _____

Hours per week _____

Name of supervisor _____

Phone number _____

Duties/achievements _____

D. Organization

Position held _____

From (Mo/Yr) _____ to (Mo/Yr) _____

Hours per week _____

Name of supervisor _____

Phone number _____

Duties/achievements _____

22. Geographic Preference

Where a Volunteer is placed depends primarily upon how well the individual's experience meets the requirements of a specific assignment. We ask you to be flexible about your geographic area of assignment. However, if you do have preferences for particular regions of the world, indicate them below:

- No preference Africa North Africa/Middle East Eastern Europe/Central Asia
 Asia Pacific Islands Caribbean Latin America

Briefly explain any preferences: _____

Indicate countries in which you would not want to work and explain: _____

23. Practical Experience

Experience gained from hobbies, volunteer activities, and part-time or summer jobs may help you qualify for Peace Corps service. Listed below are a number of skill areas. In the blocks below, please describe significant experiences you have had in one or more of these areas. If you have described an experience elsewhere in the application, it is not necessary to repeat the information here.

Business

Accounting/Bookkeeping
Business Management
Business Training
Cooperatives/Credit Unions
Fund-raising
Marketing
Volunteering with or
working for non-profits

Education/Teaching

Adult Education
Business Education
English/ESL/TEFL Tutoring
Art/Drama
Library Experience

Agriculture and Environment

Beekeeping
Environmental Education/
Conservation
Farming (after age 13)
Fisheries
4-H/FFA/FHA
Forestry/Greenhouse/Nursery
Parks/Wildlife
Vegetable Gardening

Health and Social Services

Health Outreach
Home Economics
Social Work/Counseling
Youth Work/Coaching/Sports

Skilled Trades

Auto/Diesel Mechanics
Construction
Electricity
Masonry
Metalworking
Plumbing
Vocational Education
Woodworking

Other

Computer Science
Computer Literacy

Specific activity: From (Mo/Yr) to (Mo/Yr) Hours per week

Brief description of experience

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Brief description of experience

26. Certification

Please sign below and return this application to the Regional Office serving your state.
See back of application for addresses.

I CERTIFY that all of the statements made on all pages of this application, including attachments, are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and are made in good faith. I understand that any misleading, inaccurate, or incomplete information may be cause for disqualification or termination. In addition, any intentionally false statement may be subject to criminal sanctions pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

Signature

Date

Request for Racial and Ethnic Data

This information is voluntary. Your response will not affect consideration of your application. By providing this information you will assist us in assuring that the Peace Corps is administered in a nondiscriminatory manner and reflects the diversity of the United States.

The information requested in this section is covered by the Privacy Act Notice on the following page.

Please check the box next to the classification that applies to you.

- Black**, not of Hispanic origin (1)
- Hispanic** (a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race) (2)
- American Indian or Alaskan Native** (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America) (3)
- Asian or Pacific Islander** (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes, for example, China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Samoa, and Vietnam.) (4)
- White**, not of Hispanic origin (having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East) (7)
- More than one of the above (comment if you wish) (5)

Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Notice

The Peace Corps, an agency of the Federal Government, is required by provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) to advise you of the following information regarding this application:

- A. This application is authorized by provisions of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2501, et seq.), which authorize the collection of information regarding the suitability and qualifications of applicants.
- B. The principal purpose for which the information provided will be used is to evaluate your suitability and qualifications to serve in a Peace Corps full-time volunteer program.
- C. Information in this application may routinely be disclosed as follows:
 - 1. to host country agencies for the purpose of determining placement, obtaining visas, and other program-related matters;
 - 2. to police or judicial authorities where appropriate;
 - 3. to the Treasury and other Federal agencies for use in connection with support payments and Social Security and Federal Income tax matters;
 - 4. to the Office of Personnel Management, other Federal agencies, and others, if necessary, for the purpose of a background suitability investigation;
 - 5. to other Federal agencies having an interest in employment of the applicant or Volunteer, provided that except for information required for authorized security clearances, information provided will be limited to dates of service and a standard description of service;
 - 6. to a court or other appropriate tribunal upon subpoena or other request;
 - 7. to a member of Congress upon request indicating that such member has been requested by an individual about whom the record is maintained to obtain such information;
 - 8. a source for management information or preparation for statistical reports (without personal information);
 - 9. to the National Archives and Records Administration, GSA, in authorized management inspections;
 - 10. when required under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a);
 - 11. to the Bureau of the Census for the purposes of planning or carrying out a census survey or related activity pursuant to the provisions of Title 13, U.S. Code;
 - 12. to Peace Corps personnel who have a need for the information in the performance of their duties;
 - 13. to the Volunteer's family members in emergency situations; and
 - 14. in the case of United Nations Volunteers, to appropriate UN officials.
- D. The completion of this application is voluntary; however, failure to provide information requested may result in the Peace Corps' inability to assess the qualifications of an applicant and result in non-selection for the volunteer program for which that applicant has applied.
- E. The Peace Corps estimates that it will take 8 hours to complete this form. Send comments on this form to Peace Corps, Paperwork Reduction Project, Washington, DC 20526. OMB control number: 0420-0005. The Peace Corps may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Continuous use form.

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