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Peace Corps Volunteer Application

Thank you for your interest in serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer. Applying to become a Volunteer should be a thoughtful process of preparing yourself for a 27-month experience that will be life changing for you, for those close to you, and for the host communities where you will serve. Please complete all of the sections listed below.

This application must be typed or completed in black ink.

Please complete all of the sections listed below.

- Contact and personal information
- Information about your education, work experience, and other relevant activities
- Two essays
- References from your work colleagues and friends

As you complete the application, please keep in mind:

The application can take up to six hours to complete.

In answering a question, provide information that demonstrates you understand what is expected of you during your Peace Corps service.

Answer all questions thoroughly and accurately and provide up-to-date information throughout the application process. We may disqualify applicants if we determine that they have provided misleading, inaccurate, or incomplete information.

The Peace Corps needs Volunteers with specific skills, who are reasonably healthy and can serve where they are needed. Skills for Peace Corps are acquired through education, professional work experience, volunteer experience, and/or activities, and hobbies. Complete questions fully to give yourself the best chance for consideration.

Your essays are used by recruiters in determining the best fit for your Peace Corps experience and, if you are selected, by the country director in your country of service to help determine how best to support you. Take adequate time for the essays as they are important to you and to us.

Your health is an important component of Peace Corps service. Thus, in order to serve as a Volunteer, you must have medical and dental evaluations. You will be required to complete a Health History Form as part of the application process, but independent of the Peace Corps Volunteer Application. If you are selected for an interview and nominated for service, you may receive additional instructions regarding your medical and dental examinations.

What friends and colleagues say about your qualifications to become a Volunteer is an important part of the application. You will be asked to provide three references as part of the application.

In order for the Peace Corps to be able to make appropriate selection and placement decisions, it is critical that applicants provide complete and accurate information throughout the process. You may be disqualified or separated from Peace Corps service if you provide misleading, inaccurate, or incomplete information during the application process. Moreover, any intentionally false statement or intentional omission could be subject to fines and/or imprisonment under 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

Take adequate time to complete your application. Use this time to reflect on the questions asked. Is Peace Corps service right for you at this point in your life? If it is, thoughtfully completing this application will help you prepare for the life-changing experience Peace Corps service can be.

What You'll Need

Following is a list of information or documents that you may need in order to successfully submit a Peace Corps Volunteer application:

1. Basic personal information such as contact information
 2. Naturalization number (if applicable)
 3. Updated Resume
 4. Social Security Number
 5. Social Security Number of Spouse/Same-Sex Domestic Partner (if applicable)
 6. Student Loan or other financial obligation information (if applicable)
 7. Military information (if applicable)
 8. Legal incident information (if applicable)
 9. Employment, volunteer history and practical skills experience information
 10. Educational background information
 11. Three references and corresponding contact information: Work Supervisor, Volunteer Supervisor, Personal reference (the person cannot be related to you)
 12. Two essays demonstrating motivation and cross-cultural experience. Each essay should be between 250-500 words.
 13. Attachments, if applicable (to be included with your submission of the application)
 - a. Marriage Certificate
 - b. Notarized letter from spouse/same-sex domestic partner (if serving without your spouse/same-sex domestic partner)
 - c. Divorce decree or documentation concerning your legal separation
 - d. Notarized letter concerning your dependents
 - e. Notarized letters concerning financial obligations
 - f. Military Discharge paperwork (DD214)
 - g. Licenses and Certificates
 - h. Transcripts
 - i. Master's International acceptance letter
- If you have additional questions about completing the application, visit <http://www.peacecorps.gov/index.cfm?shell=learn.howvol.stepstoapply.faq>

Expectations

Peace Corps Mission and Core Expectations

Please read the Peace Corps Mission, three goals, and ten Core Expectations below and then acknowledge. These expectations frame your commitment to the Peace Corps experience and to the application process you are now beginning.

Your application will not be considered complete until you have accepted the mission and expectations.

The mission of the Peace Corps is to promote world peace and friendship by:

- Helping people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women
- Helping promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of peoples served
- Helping promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans

In working toward fulfilling the Peace Corps Mission, as a trainee and Volunteer, you are expected to:

1. Prepare your personal and professional life to make a commitment to serve abroad for a full term of 27 months
2. Commit to improving the quality of life of the people with whom you live and work; and, in doing so, share your skills, adapt them, and learn new skills as needed
3. Serve where the Peace Corps asks you to go, under conditions of hardship, if necessary, and with the flexibility needed for effective service
4. Recognize that your successful and sustainable development work is based on the local trust and confidence you build by living in, and respectfully integrating yourself into, your host community and culture
5. Recognize that you are responsible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for your personal conduct and professional performance
6. Engage with host country partners in a spirit of cooperation, mutual learning and respect
7. Work within the rules and regulations of the Peace Corps and the local and national laws of the country where you serve
8. Exercise judgment and personal responsibility to protect your health, safety, and well-being and that of others
9. Recognize that you will be perceived, in your host country and community, as a representative of the people, cultures, values, and traditions of the United States of America
10. Represent responsibly the people, cultures, values, and traditions of your host country and community to people in the United States both during and following your service

Core Expectation Acknowledgment

- ☐ I have read these expectations and understand that I am responsible for meeting these expectations.

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. To be invited to serve in the Peace Corps, you must: be a citizen of the United States; be at least 18 years of age; and meet the medical, legal, and security requirements.

Citizenship

Are you a U.S. citizen (by birth or naturalization), or do you expect to become a naturalized citizen in the next 12 months?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please provide your place of birth (City, State, Country): _____

If you are a naturalized citizen, please provide your naturalization number (also known as the Alien Registration Number). For additional information on required legal documentation visit www.peacecorps.gov/legalinfo.

If in the process of becoming a naturalized citizen in the next 12 months, please provide your estimated date of naturalization.

The Peace Corps will not invite you to serve until you have been sworn-in as a naturalized citizen.

Age Requirement

Are you at least 17 years of age? The Peace Corps cannot invite you until you are at least 18 years old.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Peace Corps Health Requirements

Health Requirements: Because of the nature of circumstances in countries and communities where Volunteers serve and the medical care available in some places, the Peace Corps may not be able to provide medical support for certain health conditions during the 27 months of service. Other conditions may affect or limit where you can be placed. If you have concerns and would like to review the Medical Information for Applicants section prior to completing the application, please visit: www.peacecorps.gov/medical. The conditions listed in this section may affect your being able to be medically qualified or cause your application to be deferred for a certain period of time. Other conditions may affect or limit where you can serve. However, each applicant is individually assessed in connection with determinations on medical clearance.

After you complete this application, you will be sent a series of medical related questions related to medical clearance.

Reason for Applying

What most inspired you to apply to the Peace Corps (please select one)?

- ☐ **Corporation for National and Community Service (AmeriCorps)**

Please select a specific organization within the Corporation for National and Community Service.

- ☐ AmeriCorps - America's Service Commissions
- ☐ AmeriCorps - City Year
- ☐ AmeriCorps - National Association of Community Health Centers
- ☐ AmeriCorps - Teach for America
- ☐ AmeriCorps - The Corps Network
- ☐ AmeriCorps - Other

- ☐ **Increase Peace Referral**

- ☐ **Partners in Higher Education**

Please select a specific Partner in Higher Education.

- ☐ American Indian Higher Education Consortium
- ☐ The Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund
- ☐ The Council of 1890 Universities
- ☐ Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities
- ☐ Hispanic Scholarship Fund
- ☐ Phelps Stokes
- ☐ Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCf)
- ☐ UNCF (The United Negro College Fund)
- ☐ UNCF SPC – IIPP
- ☐ Other

- ☐ **Peace Corps Advertisement**

Please select the type of Peace Corps advertisement.

- ☐ Magazine ad
- ☐ Newspaper ad
- ☐ Online ad
- ☐ Public Transportation ad
- ☐ Radio ad
- ☐ Television ad

- ☐ **Peace Corps Article**

Please select the type of Peace Corps article.

- ☐ Magazine article
- ☐ Newspaper article
- ☐ Online article

- ☐ **Peace Corps Communication**

Please select the type of Peace Corps Communication.

- ☐ Email
- ☐ Mailing
- ☐ Social Media (Facebook or Twitter)
- ☐ Peace Corps Website

☐ **Peace Corps Event**

Please select the type of Peace Corps event.

- ☐ Campus Event
- ☐ Community Event

☐ **Peace Corps Staff member**

☐ **Returned Peace Corps Volunteer**

☐ **Other**

If "Other," please indicate what inspired you to apply to the Peace Corps. _____

Contact Information

Submit Your Resume

Please include a copy of your resume with your application submission.

Contact Information

Please inform the Peace Corps immediately if your contact information has changed.

First name _____
Middle name (not initial) _____
Last name _____

Primary phone _____
Work phone _____
Other phone _____
Permanent email address _____

Social Security Number ____ - ____ - _____

The Peace Corps asks you for your SSN because the Peace Corps Act, 22 U.S.C. 2519, requires us to do a background check on all Volunteers. The SSN is needed for this background check, so providing it to us is mandatory. The Peace Corps will also use it to ensure that our records are accurate, and for tax and other financial accounting purposes.

Gender

- ☐ Male
☐ Female

Date of birth (day, month, year) _____

Current address

Address line 1 _____
Address line 2 _____
City _____
State/Region/Province _____
ZIP/Postal code _____
+4 (of ZIP code) _____
County (CA residents only) _____
Country _____

Permanent Address

This should be an address where you can always be reached. This address should be in the U.S.

Address Line 1 _____

Address Line 2 _____
City _____
State _____
ZIP/Postal code _____
+4 (of ZIP code) _____

County (CA residents only) _____

Country _____

Eligibility

Please be aware that if you answer yes to any of the questions in this section, you may be asked to provide additional information or copies of specific documents. In addition, the Legal Eligibility Office may contact you for additional information.

Previous Peace Corps History

Have you previously submitted a Peace Corps application?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please provide date of previous Peace Corps application submitted (mm/yyyy). _____

Have you previously participated in Peace Corps pre-service training?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please provide dates of Peace Corps pre-service training (mm/yyyy). _____

Please provide location(s) of previous Peace Corps pre-service training. _____

Have you previously served as a Peace Corps Volunteer?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please provide dates of previous Peace Corps Volunteer service (mm/yyyy). _____

Please provide country(s) of previous Peace Corps Volunteer service. _____

Have you previously served as a Peace Corps Response Volunteer (formerly known as "Crisis Corps")?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please provide dates of previous Peace Corps Response service (mm/yyyy). _____

Please provide country(s) of previous Peace Corps Response service. _____

Marital Status

The Peace Corps will make efforts to place couples who are married or in a same-sex domestic partnership (as similarly defined in 5 CFR §315.608(e)(7)) but please be aware that the opportunities to place couples are more limited than those for individual applicants.

Both you and your spouse/same-sex domestic partner must apply at the same time and qualify for assignments in the same country.

Peace Corps' experience is that couples who have been married for at least a year before they begin service are better able to adapt to the challenges of the Peace Corps than those newly married.

Select your current marital/same-sex domestic partnership status

- ☐ Single (never married)
- ☐ Married/in a same-sex domestic partnership - planning to serve **with** a spouse/same-sex domestic partner
- ☐ Married – planning to serve **without** a spouse/same-sex domestic partner
- ☐ Divorced or Legally Separated
- ☐ Widowed

If you are married, divorced, legally separated and/or widowed or if you are in a same-sex domestic partnership and plan to serve with your same-sex domestic partner, you must complete the corresponding section on this or following pages.

Married/in a same-sex domestic partnership – planning to serve **with** a spouse/same-sex domestic partner

First name of spouse/same-sex domestic partner _____

Middle name of spouse/same-sex domestic partner _____

Last name of spouse/same-sex domestic partner _____

Social Security Number of spouse/same-sex domestic partner _____

Date of marriage/same-sex domestic partnership _____

Please note that marriage certificates are required for married couples serving together and should be included with your application submission. For same-sex domestic partners serving together, evidence of the domestic partnership must be submitted prior to staging. For additional information on required legal documentation please visit www.peacecorps.gov/legalinfo. In addition, each individual's official Peace Corps documents, such as passport, host country work visa, and plane tickets must all be in the same name. If your marriage plans involve a name change, note that legal procedures to provide confirmations of name changes can take several weeks. Applicants must provide any name change confirmations at least 6 months prior to their listed availability date.

Couples serving as Peace Corps Volunteers face some unique challenges. We believe that the best way to help you prepare for these challenges is to stimulate your thinking concerning various aspects of volunteer service as it relates to couples. Well-adjusted couples here in the United States, whether married or in a same-sex domestic partnership for one year or several decades, will experience new circumstances while living in a different culture that will require adaptation and adjustment. As a means of preparing yourselves to serve as Peace Corps Volunteers, we recommend that you begin to identify and discuss some of the challenges that you may face as a

Volunteer couple.

Listed below are some discussion topics that we encourage you to explore together. At the end of this discussion section, please provide written responses to questions 1 through 5. Although we recognize that each Peace Corps experience is unique, these discussion points and subsequent questions address some of the common challenges that couples serving as Peace Corps Volunteers have identified in the past, and will assist you in your preparation for service together.

Discussion Points to Explore:

- As a couple, what do you consider as some of the advantages and disadvantages of serving in the Peace Corps at this time?
- How specifically does each of you deal with stress? **How does your spouse's/same-sex domestic partner's reaction to stress affect your relationship?**
- What support systems do you currently use when you face difficult situations? **Whom will you rely upon during your Peace Corps service for support in addition to your spouse/same-sex domestic partner?** What coping mechanisms do you plan to employ to effectively deal with difficult circumstances?
- Identify a challenging situation or event that you have experienced as a couple. How specifically did you handle that particular situation? What did you learn from that experience?
- If a Volunteer becomes pregnant she might be medically separated from Peace Corps service and sent home. How does this policy affect your current commitment to serve 27 months in the Peace Corps?
- Undoubtedly, at various stages of Peace Corps service one of you is going to feel more successful than the other - in learning the language, initiating projects, assimilating into your community, etc. How have you dealt with differing levels of success in the past? How have you supported each other when one of you is doing well and the other is achieving success at a slower pace?
- **While each spouse/same-sex domestic partner** in a couple has his or her own duties as a Volunteer, many Volunteers have found that couples are often treated as a single unit in their communities, and may be expected to answer **for their spouse/same-sex domestic partner** in terms of work and social commitments when **their spouse/same-sex domestic partner is** unavailable. While such expectations and treatment may be completely normal according to the local culture, some Volunteer couples have found such experiences to be very frustrating at times. Please consider how you may cope with such situations as a Volunteer, and as a part of a couple.

It is important that you discuss these issues with your **spouse/same-sex domestic partner** and prepare to face the many challenges you will experience as a couple during Peace Corps service. We ask each of you individually to provide responses to the following questions.

Please answer the following questions below. Please note that all responses on this page must be 4,000 characters or less.

1. What do you view as the biggest challenges Peace Corps service will present to you as a couple? Have you confronted similar challenges in your relationship in the past? If so, how did you overcome them? If not, what relevant experience have you shared as a couple that will be helpful in meeting these challenges?

2. What are your expectations about serving in the Peace Corps as individuals and as a couple?

3. Couples must be prepared to live and train in separate communities during the three-month pre-service training, as couples typically serve in different assignment areas requiring separate trainings in community-based locations. Additionally, couples must be prepared to endure periods of separation during service due to service-related duties, medical issues, etc. Such periods of separation may be difficult. Please describe how you think you would cope with separation **from your spouse/same-sex domestic partner** during pre-service training, as well as during your service, while keeping in mind communication options may be extremely limited even within your country of service.

4. Upon completion of pre-service training, couples will be placed in the same community and share a household together. Typically, such households will have 2-3 small rooms, although some may be limited to one small hut or living space. Living quarters may feel cramped at times in comparison to housing standards in the United States. Additionally, many couples will find they share workspace and spend a significant amount of time together while collaborating on community work activities. At times, it may be difficult for individuals in a couple to find adequate time, or space, where they can be alone. Please describe how you think you may cope with living in close quarters with your **spouse/same-sex domestic partner**, and how you may cope with limited options for spending time alone.

5. Many cultures are characterized by clearly defined gender roles that differ from those in the U.S. How do you believe you will deal with situations that may cause strain on you as an individual, and on your relationship? For example, the credit for a wife's work may be attributed to her husband, or a husband may be teased for washing dishes or clothes, as this is considered "women's work."

Married - Planning to serve without a **spouse/same-sex domestic partner**

Name of **spouse/same-sex domestic partner** _____

Please note that if you are a married applicant planning to serve without your **spouse/same-sex domestic partner**, you will be required to provide additional documentation at the time of application.

Your application will be reviewed to determine your suitability for Peace Corps service. This process is designed to assess an applicant's productive competence, motivation and commitment, emotional maturity, social sensitivity, and cultural awareness. In this context, we must select those candidates who demonstrate the greatest probability for success as Peace Corps Volunteers, including fulfilling their commitment to serve the full two years. Peace Corps service is not for everyone and we have found that those with strong emotional ties to people back home need to think particularly carefully about a 27-month commitment with the Peace Corps. If you have a close

personal relationship with someone who is not applying to serve in the Peace Corps, we want to make sure that you have explored the issues below with **your spouse/same-sex domestic partner** and that you are able to make a firm commitment to the Peace Corps. Before you answer these questions, please discuss them with your **spouse/same-sex domestic partner**.

You will also be required to submit a notarized letter from your **spouse/same-sex domestic partner** at the time of your application submission. For additional information on required legal documentation and a sample notarized letter template please visit www.peacecorps.gov/legalinfo.

1. How long have you been married or in a same-sex domestic partnership? Have you ever been apart during your marriage/same-sex domestic partnership? If so, how long? What impact did this have on your marriage/same-sex domestic partnership?

2. What impact do you expect a 27-month separation will have on your **marriage/same-sex domestic partnership**?

3. How do you expect to communicate with each other? How often, and by what means? How do you plan to make important decisions about your future and family while in the Peace Corps?

4. What are your expectations of seeing each other during the 27 months of Peace Corps service?

Previously Married

If you are divorced or legally separated, you must provide copies of all legal documents related to each divorce or legal separation (including final divorce decree, settlement agreements, spousal and child support agreements, etc.) in English, regardless of when or where, including other countries in which the divorce took place. These documents must be included at the time of application submission. If a former divorced spouse is deceased, it is not necessary to submit a final divorce decree. For additional information on required legal documentation please visit www.peacecorps.gov/legalinfo.

Name of spouse _____

Type (Divorce, Legal Separation, Death) _____

Date of divorce, legal separation or death (mm/yyyy) _____

Additional previous marriage (if applicable) _____

Name of Spouse _____

Type (Divorce, Legal Separation, Death) _____

Date of previous marriage (if applicable) _____

Additional previous marriage (if applicable) _____

Name of Spouse _____

Type (Divorce, Legal Separation, Death) _____

Date of previous marriage (if applicable) _____

Dependents

Are any persons partially or totally dependent upon you for support, whether or not they are living with you?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer with dependents at home or elsewhere is often a challenge.

The Peace Corps requires a notarized letter from the person assuming responsibility for your dependent(s). This must be submitted at the time of application submission. For additional information on required legal documentation and sample notarized letter template please visit www.peacecorps.gov/legalinfo.

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

Name of child _____

Address of child _____

Date of birth _____

Is this child dependent?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Name of child _____

Address of child _____

Date of birth _____

Is this child dependent?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Name of child _____

Address of child _____

Date of birth _____

Is this child dependent?

☐ Yes

☐ No

List all other dependents (including former spouses, spouses remaining at home during service, children aged 18 or older, parents or other persons) not listed above for whom you have support obligations.

Name of dependent _____

Address of dependent _____

Date of birth _____

Name of dependent _____

Address of dependent _____

Date of birth _____

Name of dependent _____

Address of dependent _____

Date of birth _____

Explain how you will continue to meet your support obligations while serving without a salary as a Peace Corps Volunteer.

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Financial Obligations

Before you may serve in the Peace Corps, you must provide documentation establishing that you have made arrangements satisfactory to your creditors or others to defer, pay, or otherwise fulfill all your financial obligations. The Peace Corps reserves the right to request a credit report to verify your financial information. Your submission of this application will be considered consent to request such a report.

The Peace Corps considers financial obligations to include such things as student loans, mortgage, credit card debt, taxes, car loans, alimony, child support, etc.

Do you have any financial obligations, including student loans?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Student Loans

Please complete information below concerning your student loans if applicable.

Type of Student Loan _____

Amount _____

Principal Deferrable?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Interest Deferrable?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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Amount _____

Principal Deferrable?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Interest Deferrable?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Type of Student Loan _____

Amount _____

Principal Deferrable?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Interest Deferrable?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Type of Student Loan _____

Amount _____

Principal Deferrable?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Interest Deferrable?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Call your student loan company about the possibility of deferment during Peace Corps service. If the loan is not deferrable, please explain how you will meet this loan responsibility.

If someone is assuming payment of your student loans, the Peace Corps requires a notarized letter from the person affirming the commitment to make those payments. This notarized letter must be submitted at the time of application submission. For additional information on required legal documentation and sample notarized letter template please visit www.peacecorps.gov/legalinfo.

Other Financial Obligations

Type of Financial Obligation _____

Description of Financial Obligation _____

Amount _____

Will this debt still be outstanding (unable to be paid in full, deferred, or otherwise fulfilled) at the time you would potentially depart for Peace Corps training?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Type of Financial Obligation _____

Description of Financial Obligation _____

Amount _____

Will this debt still be outstanding (unable to be paid in full, deferred, or otherwise fulfilled) at the time you would potentially depart for Peace Corps training?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Type of Financial Obligation _____

Description of Financial Obligation _____

Amount _____

Will this debt still be outstanding (unable to be paid in full, deferred, or otherwise fulfilled) at the time you would potentially depart for Peace Corps training?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Type of Financial Obligation _____

Description of Financial Obligation _____

Amount _____

Will this debt still be outstanding (unable to be paid in full, deferred, or otherwise fulfilled) at the time you would potentially depart for Peace Corps training?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If you answered "Yes," describe your plans to satisfy the obligation(s) while serving in the Peace Corps.

If someone is assuming payment of your financial obligation(s), the Peace Corps requires a notarized letter from the person affirming the commitment to make those payments. This notarized letter must be submitted at the time of application submission. For additional information on required legal documentation and sample notarized letter template please visit www.peacecorps.gov/legalinfo.

If you have questions about these legal and financial issues, please visit www.peacecorps.gov/legalinfo. If you need additional assistance, call the Peace Corps Legal Eligibility Office at 800.424.8580, select option 2 to reach Headquarters, and dial extension 1845 for assistance.

Military Status

Do you have any military service, including ROTC, National Guard, Reserves or the U.S. Armed Forces?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Are you currently serving in the ROTC, National Guard, Reserves, or the U.S. Armed Forces?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, how will you fulfill your obligation? _____

Have you ever served in the U.S. Armed Forces? If yes, please fill out the information below.

Branch _____
Highest rank held _____
Serial/File number _____
Dates of service from (mm/yyyy) _____
Dates of service to (mm/yyyy) _____

Type of discharge _____

If your discharge was other than honorable, explain the circumstances in detail below.

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If you were honorably discharged from the military within the last 10 years or dishonorably discharged from the military at any time, please submit a copy of your DD214 at the time of application submission. For additional information on required legal documentation please visit www.peacecorps.gov/legalinfo.

Are you currently in the Inactive Ready Reserves (IRR) or expect to transfer to IRR status from active duty?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

What date do you anticipate being transferred to IRR status? _____

Please note that you will be required to provide proof of IRR status prior to being invited to serve in the Peace Corps.

The Peace Corps will not issue an invitation to serve until we have a copy of your official discharge papers. Please plan accordingly.

Drug and Alcohol Information

Peace Corps reserves the right to ask additional questions about drug and alcohol use.

The Peace Corps has a strict policy regarding the use of drugs and alcohol. As a Peace Corps Volunteer, you are responsible for your personal conduct and professional performance 24/7 (Core Expectation 5). You must exercise good judgment and personal responsibility to protect your health, safety, and well-being, and that of others (Core Expectation 8). Please read the following carefully – your personal conduct is critical to your success as a Peace Corps Volunteer.

Drugs

A Volunteer or trainee found to be involved with drugs in a manner not authorized for medical purposes, in any way, in any country, will be administratively separated immediately. The Peace Corps enforces this strict policy because the cultivation, manufacture, traffic, and use of drugs, including marijuana, is illegal in most countries. Additionally, drug involvement by Volunteers and trainees in any country could seriously jeopardize the entire Peace Corps program, as well as the safety and health of Volunteers and trainees.

Alcohol

Peace Corps leaves decisions regarding the use of alcohol to the discretion of the individual Volunteer or trainee. However, the Peace Corps recognizes that excessive use of alcohol may compromise Volunteer or trainee safety and security, lead to behavior that is a discredit to the Peace Corps or the individual, or affect a Volunteer's or trainee's performance in an assignment. Examples of such behavior include but are not limited to: public intoxication, drinking while at the work site, failure to appear for work or training due to intoxication or hangovers, and verbal or physical aggressiveness while under the influence of alcohol. Such inappropriate or unsafe behavior or inability to perform adequately in the assignment may be grounds for disciplinary action, including administrative separation.

Peace Corps may deem an applicant ineligible or unsuitable for Peace Corps service due to the illegal use of drugs, problem drinking, and/or abusive use of alcohol. The terms "problem drinking", "abusive use of alcohol" and their variants include, but are not limited to: binge drinking; feeling that you should cut down on your drinking; experiencing concern from others who think that you drink too much; feeling bad or guilty about your drinking; drinking in the morning to steady your nerves or to get rid of a hangover; or alcohol-related legal incidents.

Peace Corps Drug and Alcohol Policy

Applicants charged with, or convicted of, any drug-related offense are not eligible to have their applications considered for Peace Corps service until one year has passed from the date of the offense, arrest, or conviction, whichever is later.

Applicants charged with, or convicted of, public intoxication, DUI, DWI, or who receive a reduced charge of, or conviction for, reckless driving from an initial charge of DUI or DWI, or who have a similar alcohol-related offense in their legal history, are not eligible to have their application considered for Peace Corps service until one year has passed from the date of the offense, arrest, or conviction, whichever is later. This includes arrests and citations.

Any arrest, citation, or other legal incident related to alcohol or illegal drugs that occur during the application process, including up to the day of departure, will also disqualify an applicant. Any applicant who is disqualified for the above reasons may reapply after one year.

Legal Status and History

The existence of an arrest or conviction record will not automatically exclude an applicant from consideration for service in the Peace Corps. When evaluating an applicant's arrest or conviction information, Peace Corps considers the nature of the offense(s), how long ago the offense(s) occurred, the nature of the position in question, and other relevant facts or indicia of rehabilitation. If an applicant is ultimately rejected for a Peace Corps Volunteer position because of an arrest or conviction in his or her background, the applicant has the opportunity to appeal the decision and/or reapply at a later date.

All Peace Corps invitees must undergo a National Agency Check (NAC) background investigation to help determine legal eligibility for service. The NAC is a criminal background investigation conducted by the United States Office of Personnel Management (OPM). The NAC investigation consists of a search of OPM's Security and Suitability Investigations Index (SII), the Defense Clearance Investigations Index (DCII), a Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) name check, and a FBI National Criminal History fingerprint check. The NAC investigation will reveal all arrests and convictions regardless of disposition (i.e., suspended sentence, deferred judgment, dismissal, not guilty, reduced charge, mistaken identity, or expungement). Therefore it is required that you report your criminal record information regardless of whether the record in your case has been sealed, expunged, or otherwise stricken from the court record. The NAC background investigation is typically initiated after an applicant is invited to serve in a Peace Corps program. The NAC form and fingerprint charts will be provided at a later date.

If you fail to disclose any required information, including about legal, financial, or drug and alcohol behavior, the Peace Corps may revoke your invitation to serve, or disqualify you from Peace Corps service. Any misleading, inaccurate, or incomplete information may be cause for disqualification or termination. In addition, any intentionally false statement may be subject to fines and/or imprisonment pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1001.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to inform the Peace Corps promptly throughout the application process of any changes in his/her legal status including all arrests, charges, citations, misdemeanors and felonies and ALL drug or alcohol related legal incidents. Do not include traffic violations for which the sentence consisted only of a fine of \$300 or less unless the incident involved drugs and/or alcohol.

Please answer the following questions. Answers should include all arrests, charges, citations, misdemeanors and felonies and ALL drug or alcohol related legal incidents. The information provided will be used to help determine your eligibility for Peace Corps service.

1. Applicants with any alcohol or drug-related citations, arrest, or convictions in their legal history will not have their application considered for Peace Corps service until one year has passed from the date of arrest or conviction, whichever is later. Have you had any alcohol or drug related citations, arrests or convictions within the past year?

☐ Yes
☐ No

2. Have you ever been found guilty of an offense under section 404 of the Controlled Substance Act (21 U.S.C. 844), while under the age of 21?

☐ Yes
☐ No

3. Have you ever been cited for, arrested, charged with, or convicted of any offense(s)? Exclude traffic fines of \$300 or less unless the violation was alcohol or drug related.
- ☐ Yes
☐ No
4. Are there currently any charges or probation pending against you for any criminal offense? For additional information on what constitutes probation please visit www.peacecorps.gov/legalinfo.
- ☐ Yes
☐ No
5. Have you ever been subject to a court martial or other disciplinary proceedings under the Uniform Code of Military Justice? (Include non-judicial, Captain's mast, etc.)
- ☐ Yes
☐ No
6. Are you currently a party to a civil suit?
- ☐ Yes
☐ No
7. Are you expected to be a witness in a court or other proceeding during the time you would be serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer?
- ☐ Yes
☐ No
8. Did you answer "Yes" to any of the questions above?
- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If you answered "Yes" to any of the questions above, provide the applicable information below for the offense or civil suit.

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Type of offense/civil suit (e.g., DUI, possession of marijuana, petty theft, suing landlord): _____

Date of Incident: _____

Location of incident _____

Was there a final court judgment?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Judgment Date: _____

Current status or disposition: _____

List all penalties including sentence, probation, community service, fine or other penalty imposed:

Explanation and detailed circumstances surrounding the offense/civil suit:

Additional offense (if applicable)

Type of offense/civil suit (e.g., DUI, possession of marijuana, petty theft, suing landlord): _____

Date of Incident: _____

Location of incident _____

Was there a final court judgment?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Judgment Date: _____

Current status or disposition: _____

List all penalties including sentence, probation, community service, fine or other penalty imposed:

Explanation and detailed circumstances surrounding the offense/civil suit:

If you have additional offenses/civil suits, please submit a statement that includes the information requested above as an attachment with your submission of this application.

Your application will not be considered without this information. It is your responsibility to inform the Peace Corps promptly throughout the application process of any changes in your legal status, including arrests, charges, citations, convictions, or legal eligibility. You may exclude parking tickets and traffic fines of \$300 or less.

Intelligence Activities and Organizations

It has been the Peace Corps' longstanding policy to exclude from Peace Corps Volunteer service, in accordance with Peace Corps Manual Section 611, any persons who have engaged in intelligence activity or related work or who have been employed by or connected with an intelligence agency.

The policy is founded on the premise that it is crucial to the Peace Corps in carrying out its mission that there is a complete and total separation of Peace Corps from the intelligence activities of the United States government, both in reality and appearance. Any semblance of a connection between Peace Corps and the intelligence community would seriously compromise the ability of the Peace Corps to develop and maintain the trust and confidence of the people of the host countries. Serious doubts about an applicant's connection with intelligence activities are to be resolved in favor of exclusion.

"Intelligence Activity" includes any activities or specialized training involving or related to the clandestine collection of information, or the analysis or dissemination of such information, intended for the use by the United States government in formulating or implementing political or military policy in regard to other countries. The term "intelligence activity" includes any involvement in covert actions designed to influence events in foreign countries.

Persons currently or formerly employed by the Central Intelligence Agency are permanently ineligible for Peace Corps Volunteer service. Employment with other intelligence agencies may also be disqualifying. In addition, applicants may be disqualified for service because their background or history discloses a substantial connection with an intelligence activity or related work other than through employment. Even family relationships to an employee of an intelligence agency may be considered a disqualifying connection. **If you have a family member who works for or has worked for the CIA, you should not complete the intelligence background questionnaire until your family member has consulted with the CIA's Office of General Counsel. Be advised for security reasons, you may only contact your family member concerning your Peace Corps application in person (i.e. not by email, phone, social networking, or any other means that is not in person).**

Depending upon the nature of an applicant's involvement in or relationship to intelligence activities or agencies, the duration of disqualification may range from a permanent disqualification, disqualification up to ten years, or disqualification for ten years or more. Applicants are also advised that service as a Peace Corps Volunteer may result in disqualification from employment with intelligence agencies of the U.S. Government for periods following service as a Volunteer.

In some cases, employment or association with certain intelligence activities or agencies will result in Peace Corps instructing you to contact those agencies who will coordinate with Peace Corps, as necessary and appropriate, to assist Peace Corps in rendering a final decision on your application.

Based upon the preceding, please answer the following question:

Have you or a family member ever been employed by or connected with an intelligence agency, or engaged in intelligence activity or related work?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If you indicated that either you or a family member has been employed by or connected to an intelligence agency, or engaged in intelligence activity or related work, a representative from your recruiting office will contact you after your application is submitted for additional information to determine if you are eligible to become a Peace Corps Volunteer.

Are you currently applying for employment with an intelligence agency or other organization associated with intelligence activities?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, you will be required to withdraw all applications for employment with intelligence agencies after accepting an invitation to serve in the Peace Corps and supply the Peace Corps with a copy of the letter to each agency requesting the withdrawal of your application. More information regarding this will be provided at a later date.

Skills and Experience

Employment History

Your Peace Corps service is a commitment to improving the quality of life of the people with whom you live and work and, in doing so, you will share your skills, adapt them, and learn new skills as needed (Core Expectation 2). Starting with your most recent experience, please list at least 10 years of your employment history. Include any self-employment and full-or part-time paid employment. You may list additional employment history if you believe it is relevant to Peace Corps service. This section should be filled out completely. **Stating "see resume" is not acceptable.**

Position 1

Position or Job Title _____
Organization Name _____
Hours per week _____
Start Month/Year (mm/yyyy) _____
End Month/Year (mm/yyyy) _____

Position 2

Position or Job Title _____
Organization Name _____
Hours per week _____
Start Month/Year (mm/yyyy) _____
End Month/Year (mm/yyyy) _____

Position 3

Position or Job Title _____
Organization Name _____
Hours per week _____
Start Month/Year (mm/yyyy) _____
End Month/Year (mm/yyyy) _____

Position 4

Position or Job Title _____
Organization Name _____
Hours per week _____
Start Month/Year (mm/yyyy) _____
End Month/Year (mm/yyyy) _____

Position 5

Position or Job Title _____
Organization Name _____
Hours per week _____
Start Month/Year (mm/yyyy) _____
End Month/Year (mm/yyyy) _____

Position 6

Position or Job Title _____
Organization Name _____
Hours per week _____
Start Month/Year (mm/yyyy) _____

End Month/Year (mm/yyyy) _____

Position 7

Position or Job Title _____

Organization Name _____

Hours per week _____

Start Month/Year (mm/yyyy) _____

End Month/Year (mm/yyyy) _____

Position 8

Position or Job Title _____

Organization Name _____

Hours per week _____

Start Month/Year (mm/yyyy) _____

End Month/Year (mm/yyyy) _____

Time Gaps

Do you have any time gaps greater than three months not otherwise accounted for by employment, school, military, etc?

- ☐ Yes,
- ☐ No

If yes, please provide specific dates and reasons for each time gap. _____

Licenses and Certificates

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

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Teacher Certification

Please provide teacher certification information below, if applicable.

State: _____

Subject: _____

Grade Level: _____

You must submit a copy of each current license/certificate at the time of application submission.

Other Certifications

Do you have other job-related current or former licenses or certificates? These could include but are not limited to licenses or certificates in such things as TEFL, nursing, CPR and First Aid, nutrition, HIV/AIDS education, or skilled trades including journeyman status. If so, please provide the following requested information.

Other Certifications 1

Type of License or Certificate _____

Expiration Date _____

State or other Licensing Agency _____

Other Certifications 2

Type of License or Certificate _____

Expiration Date _____

State or other Licensing Agency _____

Other Certifications 3

Type of License or Certificate _____

Expiration Date _____

State or other Licensing Agency _____

Other Certifications 4

Type of License or Certificate _____

Expiration Date _____

State or other Licensing Agency _____

You must submit a copy of each current license/certificate at the time of application submission.

Post-Secondary Education

You must submit a copy of transcripts from each post-secondary school attended within the past ten years at the time of application submission. An unofficial copy of an official transcript is acceptable. All transcripts must include your full name and the name of the school. List all schools attended regardless of attendance dates.

Transcripts from institutions outside of the United States must be translated into English and you must also include documentation of the accreditation of the institution.

School 1

School Name _____
Type of degree, diploma or certificate _____
Date degree received or expected (mm/yyyy) _____
Major _____
Second Major _____
Minor _____

School 2

School Name _____
Type of degree, diploma or certificate (single-select) _____
Date degree received or expected (mm/yyyy) _____
Major _____
Second Major _____
Minor _____

School 3

School Name _____
Type of degree, diploma or certificate (single-select) _____
Date degree received or expected (mm/yyyy) _____
Major _____
Second Major _____
Minor _____

School 4

School Name _____
Type of degree, diploma or certificate (single-select) _____
Date degree received or expected (mm/yyyy) _____
Major _____
Second Major _____
Minor _____

School 5

School Name _____
Type of degree, diploma or certificate (single-select) _____
Date degree received or expected (mm/yyyy) _____
Major _____
Second Major _____
Minor _____

Master's International

The Master's International Program offers a unique opportunity to combine Peace Corps service with a Master's Degree program. Prospective students apply separately to Peace Corps and to a participating graduate school. Once accepted by both, students will study on campus, usually for one year, and then spend the next two years earning academic credit while working overseas in a related Peace Corps project. Most schools provide students in this program with opportunities for research or teaching assistantships, scholarships while on campus or tuition waivers for the credits earned while serving in the Peace Corps.

For additional information about Master's International visit www.peacecorps.gov/gradschool.

Please note that you must be accepted by the Master's International school before you can submit your application for Peace Corps service.

Have you applied and been accepted to a Master's International program?

- ☐ Yes,
- ☐ No

Please indicate the school and program _____

Please submit your acceptance letter as an attachment at the time of application submission.

Your application is not complete without this acceptance letter.

Language Skills

Many assignments require previous language study. Please describe your language experience within the past 10 years below. You will have the opportunity to discuss your language skills in more detail during the interview process.

Do you have any experience with a language other than English?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Language 1, if applicable

Language _____
Number of high school years _____
Number of college semesters/quarters _____
Highest level completed _____
Date of highest level completed (mm/yyyy) _____
Language Test taken _____
Language Test scores _____
Date of language test (mm/yyyy) _____
Informal language experience (briefly describe) _____

Language 2, if applicable

Language _____
Number of high school years _____
Number of college semesters/quarters _____
Highest level completed _____
Date of highest level completed (mm/yyyy) _____
Language Test taken _____
Language Test scores _____
Date of language test (mm/yyyy) _____
Informal language experience (briefly describe) _____

Language 3, if applicable

Language _____
Number of high school years _____
Number of college semesters/quarters _____
Highest level completed _____
Date of highest level completed (mm/yyyy) _____
Language Test taken _____
Language Test scores _____
Date of language test (mm/yyyy) _____
Informal language experience (briefly describe) _____

Language 4, if applicable

Language _____
Number of high school years _____
Number of college semesters/quarters _____
Highest level completed _____
Date of highest level completed (mm/yyyy) _____
Language Test taken _____
Language Test scores _____
Date of language test (mm/yyyy) _____
Informal language experience (briefly describe) _____

Community and Volunteer Activities

Peace Corps assignments require applicants to have leadership ability, creativity, initiative, flexibility, and a willingness to work with others. You will engage with host country partners in a spirit of cooperation and mutual learning and respect (Core Expectation 6) and respectfully integrate yourself into your host community and culture (Core Expectation 4). Please describe your community, volunteer, or organizational experience that demonstrate 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
- *Leading, supervising, or managing others

In addition, many applicants have gained technical or subject skills relevant to Peace Corps assignments through community and volunteer activities. You may have gained other skills not normally thought of as relevant to the Peace Corps. Thus, it is important to be as complete as possible in describing your activities. List your most recent activities first. Do not include experiences already listed in your employment history.

Volunteer Activity 1

Organization _____
Position Held _____
From (mm/yyyy) _____
To (mm/yyyy) _____
Hours per week _____
Name of Supervisor _____
Phone Number _____
Email Address _____
May we contact your supervisor?
☐ Yes
☐ No

Duties/ Achievements

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Volunteer Activity 2

Organization _____
Position Held _____
From (mm/yyyy) _____
To (mm/yyyy) _____
Hours per week _____
Name of Supervisor _____
Phone Number _____
Email Address _____
May we contact your supervisor?
☐ Yes

☐ No

Duties/ Achievements

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Volunteer Activity 3

Organization _____
Position Held _____
From (mm/yyyy) _____
To (mm/yyyy) _____
Hours per week _____
Name of Supervisor _____
Phone Number _____
Email Address _____

May we contact your supervisor?

- ☐ Yes,
☐ No

Duties/ Achievements

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Volunteer Activity 4

Organization _____
Position Held _____
From (mm/yyyy) _____
To (mm/yyyy) _____
Hours per week _____
Name of Supervisor _____
Phone Number _____
Email Address _____

May we contact your supervisor?

- ☐ Yes,
☐ No

Duties/ Achievements

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Practical Experience

As a Peace Corps Volunteer, you commit to improving the quality of life of the people with whom you live and work, and in doing so, you share, adapt and learn new skills as needed (Core Expectation 2). The experience you have gained from hobbies, volunteer activities, and work experience, including part-time or summer jobs, may help you qualify for Peace Corps service. You will be asked if you have experience in any of the following skill areas: **Agriculture, Environment, Business, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Education, Health, Youth Work and Community Development, and Skilled Trades.**

Please review each skill area in which you may have experience. If you indicate you have experience in a particular skill area, please respond to the additional questions pertaining to that skill area.

Agriculture

Do you have any agriculture experience?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

This could include but is not limited to experience in such things as:

4-H/FFA/FHA
Agroforestry and reforestation
Beekeeping
Crop extension
Farming
Fisheries
Food Security
Pest Management/Pathology
Soil Conservation
Vegetable Gardening

Agriculture Experience

1. Do you have gardening/crops/horticulture experience?
 - a. If yes, provide the following information:
 - i. Dates of involvement (from mm/yyyy, to mm/yyyy) _____
 - ii. Frequency of involvement (hours/days/weeks) _____
 - iii. Type of food crops, vegetables, and fruits _____
 - iv. Size of plot (# ft x # ft, or acres) _____
 - v. Description of growing experience (including scale of garden such as personal, community or commercial) _____
 - b. Describe any experience you have with the following:
 - i. Plowing and planting planning _____
 - ii. Management of soil fertility _____
 - iii. Pruning and grafting of fruit trees _____
 - iv. Harvesting and storage methods _____

Review the additional questions about your agriculture experience below. If you have experience with any of these please provide the following information:

- a. Dates (from mm/yyyy to mm/yyyy)
- b. Frequency (hours per week/mo)
- c. Description of experience

If you have multiple experiences for each area, list them in order from most to least recent.

2. Do you have experience in agroforestry or agribusiness?
 - a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
3. Do you have experience in food security?
 - a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
4. Do you have experience working with 4H, Future Farmers of America (FFA), or other youth farmer organizations?
 - a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
5. Do you have experience working with cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, goats or other farm animals?
 - a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
 - b. Would you be willing to work on projects related to raising and slaughtering animals?

6. Do you have any beekeeping experience or would you be interested in receiving training for beekeeping programs?
 - a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
 - b. Have you ever had a bad reaction to bee stings? _____
7. Do you have any interest or experience in marine/fresh water fisheries?
 - a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
8. Do you have any other agriculture experience?
 - a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
9. How do you feel about the use of pesticides and/or herbicides? _____

Environment

Do you have any environment experience?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

This could include but is not limited to experience in such things as:

Appropriate Technologies
Conservation
Coastal Resource Management
Ecotourism
Energy
Environmental Awareness/Education
Forestry/Greenhouse/Nursery
Natural Resource Management
Protected Areas/Wildlife Management
Waste Management/Recycling

Environment Experience

Review the questions about your environment experience below. If you have experience with any of these please provide the following information:

- a. Dates (from mm/yyyy to mm/yyyy)
- b. Frequency (hours per week/mo)
- c. Description of experience

If you have multiple experiences for each area, list them in order from most to least recent.

1. Do you have experience with appropriate technologies?
a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
2. Do you have experience with promoting environmental awareness in schools, communities, clubs, or groups?
a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
3. Do you have experience with leading environmental education activities?
a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
4. Do you have experience with marketing environmentally sustainable products?
a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
5. Do you have experience with park interpretation or park guide work?
a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
6. Do you have experience with being a docent at a zoo or natural history museum?
a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
7. Do you have experience with tree planting?

- a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
- 8. Do you have experience with ecotourism?
 - a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
- 9. Do you have experience with leading waste management or recycling programs?
 - a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
- 10. Do you have any other environment experience?
 - a. If yes, provide additional information. _____

Business/Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

Do you have any business or ICT experience?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

This could include but is not limited to experience in such things as:

Advertising/Graphic Design
Business Education/Training
Cooperatives/Credit Unions
Computer Literacy/Science/Networking/Repair
Entrepreneurship and Business Skills
Fundraising/Grant Writing/Marketing
Government
Media Technologies
Microfinance
Nonprofit Management
Organizational Management

Business/Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Experience

Review the questions about your business and ICT experience below. If you have experience with any of these please provide the following information:

- a. Dates (from mm/yyyy to mm/yyyy)
- b. Frequency (hours per week/mo)
- c. Description of experience

If you have multiple experiences for each area, list them in order from most to least recent.

1. Do you have experience working with non-profits, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) or community service organizations?
 - a. If yes, provide additional information for each area below.
 - i. Management experience, including strategic planning, organizational development (such as working with/on the board of directors and staffing), coordinating volunteers, establishing administrative controls: _____
 - ii. Program planning and implementation, community outreach and volunteer development experience: _____
 - iii. Training experience, including number of volunteers/employees you trained, what skills you taught, and training programs you designed: _____
 - iv. Resource development, fundraising, grant writing and membership drive experience: _____

- v. Budgeting, financial controls, including development of financial systems, managing/developing budgets: _____

2. Do you have other business experience?

- a. If yes, provide additional information for each area below.
- i. Management experience, including size of business, number of employees you supervised, specific job responsibilities: _____
 - ii. Training experience, including number of employees you trained, what skills you taught, and training programs you designed: _____
 - iii. Budgetary control, financial planning, cost analysis: _____
 - iv. Bookkeeping, including setting up ledgers/journals, posting to accounts, and systems you created: _____
 - v. Marketing experience, including distribution systems, test marketing, market research: _____

3. Do you have experience with computers, radio, video, internet, or other information technology?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

a. What applications have you used?

- ☐ Word Processing (e.g., Microsoft Word, iWork Pages, etc)
- ☐ Spreadsheets (e.g., Microsoft Excel, iWork Numbers, etc)
- ☐ Databases (e.g., Microsoft Access, Oracle, SQL, etc)
- ☐ Presentation Software (e.g., Microsoft PowerPoint, iWork Keynote, etc)
- ☐ Desktop Publishing (e.g., Microsoft Publisher, Adobe InDesign, etc)
- ☐ Email and office management (e.g., Microsoft Outlook, etc)
- ☐ Social Networking (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, etc)
- ☐ Blogging (e.g., Blogger, Word Press, etc.)
- ☐ None

b. What operating systems have you used?

- ☐ Windows
- ☐ Mac OS
- ☐ UNIX/Linux
- ☐ Others
- ☐ None

c. Have you done systems administration or computer lab setup for:

- ☐ Windows networks
- ☐ Mac OS networks
- ☐ UNIX/Linux networks
- ☐ Others
- ☐ I have not done this type of work.

Education

Do you have any education experience?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

This could include but is not limited to experience in such things as:

Adult Education
Art/Drama
Deaf Education
English/ESL/TEFL Teaching or Tutoring
Literacy/Reading
Math Education
Primary/Secondary/University Teaching
Science Education
Special Education
Teacher Training

Education Experience

Review the questions about your education and teaching experience below. If you have experience with any of these please provide the following information:

- a. Dates (from mm/yyyy to mm/yyyy)
- b. Frequency (hours per week/mo)
- c. Subject taught
- d. Grade level
- e. Class/group size
- f. Formal classroom or informal teaching or tutoring experience
- g. Description of experience. This could include experience with lesson planning, co-teaching, classroom management, workshop development, etc.

If you have multiple experiences for each area, list them in order from most to least recent.

1. Do you have experience with primary education? Primary is defined as K-5th grade.
 - a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
2. Do you have experience with middle school education? Middle school is defined as 6th – 8th grade.
 - a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
3. Do you have experience with secondary education? Secondary is defined as 9th-12th grade.
 - a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
4. Do you have experience with university teaching?
 - a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
5. Do you have experience training teachers?
 - a. If yes, provide additional information. _____

6. Do you have experience with special education?
 - a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
7. Do you have other education or teaching experience?
 - a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
8. Please provide information on any education-related professional development training you have completed. Include the institution name, topics covered, dates, and training hours.

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Health

Do you have any health experience?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

This could include but is not limited to experience in such things as:

Disease Prevention
Family Planning
Health Outreach
HIV/AIDS Education
Hospice
Malaria Control
Maternal Health
Nutrition
Reproductive and Sexual Health
Water and Sanitation Hygiene Education

Health Experience

Review the questions about your health experience below. If you have experience with any of these please provide the following information:

- a. Dates (from mm/yyyy to mm/yyyy)
- b. Frequency (hours per week/mo)
- c. Description of experience

If you have multiple experiences for each area, list them in order from most to least recent.

1. Do you have experience with providing health education or outreach?
a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
2. Do you have experience with providing HIV/AIDS education?
a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
3. Do you have experience with hospice care?
a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
4. Do you have experience with malaria control?
a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
5. Do you have experience with maternal health education?
a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
6. Do you have experience with nutrition?
a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
7. Do you have experience with providing family planning, reproductive or sexual health education?

- a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
- 8. Do you have experience with providing water and sanitation hygiene education?
 - a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
- 9. Do you have any other health experience?
 - a. If yes, provide additional information. _____

Youth Work and Community Development

Do you have any youth work or community development experience?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

This could include but is not limited to experience in such things as:

At-Risk youth work
Camp Counselor
Capacity Building
Civic Engagement
Community mobilization
Employment training
Gender in Development
Social Work/Counseling
Sports Coaching/Physical Education
Teambuilding/Leadership

Youth and Community Development Experience

Review the questions about your youth and community development experience below. If you have experience with any of these please provide the following information:

- a. Dates (from mm/yyyy to mm/yyyy)
- b. Frequency (hours per week/mo)
- c. Description of experience

If you have multiple experiences for each area, list them in order from most to least recent.

1. Do you have experience working with youth?
 - a. If yes, provide additional information for each area below.
 - i. At risk youth experience. (At-risk youth are defined as youth between the ages of 10 and 25 who are one or more of the following: out of work, school drop-outs, have substance, physical or mental abuse issues, live in extreme poverty, or are from dysfunctional families). _____
 - ii. Camp counselor experience: _____
 - iii. Income-generating or entrepreneurial experience: _____
 - iv. Social work, counseling, or conflict resolution experience: _____
 - v. Sports coaching and/or physical education experience: _____
 - vi. Youth leadership experience: _____

2. Do you have experience with community development?
- a. If yes, provide additional information for each area below.
- i. Capacity building experience: _____
 - ii. Civic engagement or volunteer management experience:

 - iii. Community mobilization experience:

 - iv. Community service experience: _____
 - v. Gender and development experience:

 - vi. Program development including planning, designing and implementing programs or activities, such as conducting community assessments and public outreach.

 - vii. Team/group leadership experience:

3. Do you have any other youth or community development experience?
- a. If yes, provide additional information. _____

Skilled Trades

Do you have any skilled trades experience?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

This could include but is not limited to experience in such things as:

Construction
Home Repair and Remodeling
Masonry
Plumbing
Vocational Education
Woodworking

Skilled Trades Experience

Review the questions about your skilled trades experience below. If you have experience with any of these please provide the following information:

- a. Dates (from mm/yyyy to mm/yyyy)
- b. Frequency (hours per week/mo)
- c. Description of experience (including materials and tools used)

If you have multiple experiences for each area, list them in order from most to least recent.

1. Do you have experience with construction?
a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
2. Do you have experience with home repair or remodeling?
a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
3. Do you have experience with masonry?
a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
4. Do you have experience with plumbing?
a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
5. Do you have experience with vocational education?
a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
6. Do you have experience with woodworking?
a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
7. Do you have other experience in skilled trades?
a. If yes, provide additional information. _____
8. Do you have journeyman status?
a. If yes, indicate the area of journeyman status, expiration date, and state or other licensing agency. Please upload a copy of your certification to your application prior to submission.

Interest and Availability

Assignment and Regional Interests

How and where the Peace Corps assigns Volunteers is based largely on matching the educational and work experience of applicants with the kinds of skills and projects for which countries have requested assistance. As a result, the Peace Corps cannot guarantee placement in any specific region or country. Our priority is to place an applicant where his or her skills are most needed, which may be under conditions of hardship (Core Expectation 3). Applicants who are flexible about where they will go and what they will do are therefore more competitive.

The Peace Corps' mission supports the needs of communities and honors the request of host countries in providing Volunteers where they are needed most. We review your potential skill areas, where those skills are needed, your health status, where noted concerns can best be accommodated, and the relationship between your availability for service and when groups of trainees are beginning service. Your regional interest, if any, is a consideration only when all other conditions are met.

Please indicate the work assignments in which you have an interest.

- ☐ Agriculture
- ☐ Environment
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Information and Communication Technology
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Health
- ☐ Youth Work and Community Development
- ☐ Skilled Trades

Visit the Peace Corps website at www.peacecorps.gov/assignments for more information about work assignments.

Which regions, if any, would you be unwilling to serve in as a Peace Corps Volunteer?

- ☐ Open to serve in all regions
- ☐ Africa
- ☐ Asia
- ☐ Caribbean
- ☐ Central / South America
- ☐ Central Asia
- ☐ Eastern / Central Europe
- ☐ North Africa / Middle East
- ☐ Pacific Islands

Briefly explain why you are unwilling to serve in these regions.

The Peace Corps does not generally place Volunteers in countries where they may have family or other potential connections or relationships that could create distractions or conflicts of interest. Please list all Peace Corps countries where you have family members or such other connections.

Earliest Availability

What is the earliest date you can be available for Peace Corps service? You will be considered for assignments beginning after this date. You must notify your recruiter if this date changes.

Candidates should apply no more than one year prior to their date of availability, with the exception of Master's International candidates, whose availability is determined by their individual academic program.

References

References

We require three letters of recommendation. Please notify your references as soon as you start your application. Your references will only be contacted if you pass the initial screening. We suggest that you encourage your references to respond within two weeks of receiving the Peace Corps' request.

Recommendations should be from each of the following individuals:

- A current or previous employment supervisor
- A current or previous volunteer work supervisor
- A close friend who has known you for at least two years

You will not be considered for Peace Corps service without these three recommendations. If you do not have a worksupervisor, please use another previous employment supervisor or a professor from your academic department. If you do not have a volunteer supervisor, please substitute a previous job supervisor or a professor from your academic department. You will be asked to provide additional information concerning substitute references. Recommendations will not be accepted from family members or persons with whom you are romantically involved. If you have any questions regarding appropriate references, please contact your local regional recruiting office by calling 1.800.424.8580 and choosing option 1.

We prefer online submission of recommendations as it streamlines the application process. However, if one or more of your recommendation providers is unable to complete the online form, please visit www.peacecorps.gov/references to download a paper reference or contact your regional recruiting office and request that paper copies of the reference form be mailed to you. You must then print out the reference form and send it to your recommender. The completed paper reference form **must** be placed in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature across the seal, and returned to you. You must then provide the completed reference(s) to your regional recruiting office.

Please note:

- Your recommendations will automatically be matched to your application upon submission.
- To complete the recommendation online, a recommendation provider must have a valid email address.
- Returned Peace Corps Volunteers who completed or ended service in the last five years are required to submit an additional reference from a Peace Corps staff person from their country of service.

Reference 1 – Job Supervisor

If you do not have a current Job Supervisor, please substitute a previous Job Supervisor Reference or a professor from your academic department.

Reference Type (Job Supervisor, Volunteer Supervisor, Personal Reference, Professor) _____

Reference Name (First and Last Name) _____

Reference Email Address (if recommender does not have an email address, please enter "N/A")

Reference 2 – Volunteer Supervisor

If you do not have a Volunteer Supervisor, please substitute a previous Job Supervisor Reference or a professor from your academic department.

Reference Type (Job Supervisor, Volunteer Supervisor, Personal Reference, Professor) _____

Reference Name (First and Last Name) _____

Reference Email Address (if recommender does not have an email address, please enter "N/A")

Reference 3 – Personal Reference

Reference Type (Job Supervisor, Volunteer Supervisor, Personal Reference, Professor) _____

Reference Name (First and Last Name) _____

Reference Email Address (if recommender does not have an email address, please enter "N/A")

Substitutions

If you chose to substitute a reference type above, please justify the reason for the substitution(s) here.

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers who completed service in the last five years are required to submit an additional reference from a Peace Corps staff person from their country of service.

Are you a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer who completed service within the past five years?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, complete staff reference information below.

Peace Corps Staff Reference

Reference Name (First and Last Name) _____

Country of Service _____

Reference Email Address _____

Essay Questions

Essays

The two essay questions below will provide the Peace Corps with additional information and insights that will be used to assess your suitability for Peace Corps service. If you are invited to serve as a Peace Corps Volunteer, your essays may be shared with staff in your country of service.

Please read both questions below and provide written responses between 250-500 words each.

Both essays are mandatory. Your application will not be considered without them.

Motivation Statement

Peace Corps service presents major physical, emotional, and intellectual challenges. You have provided information on how you qualify for Peace Corps service elsewhere in the application. In the space below, please provide a statement (between 250-500 words) that includes:

- * Your reasons for wanting to serve as a Peace Corps Volunteer; and
- * How these reasons are related to your past experience and life goals.
- * How you expect to satisfy the Peace Corps 10 Core Expectations (rather than addressing all 10 expectations, please be specific about which expectations you anticipate to find most challenging and how you plan to overcome these challenges).

Cross Cultural Essay

Your success as a Peace Corps Volunteer is based on the trust and confidence you build by living in, and respectfully integrating yourself into, your host community and culture (Core Expectation 4). Describe in between 250-500 words an experience you have had living or working in a social or cultural environment different from your own. What specific challenges did you face concerning trust, confidence, and/or integration? What did you learn from this experience that you will bring with you to your Peace Corps service?

Attachments

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Please provide any of the following attachments, if applicable, with your application submission. For additional information on required legal documentation and sample notarized letter templates please visit

www.peacecorps.gov/legalinfo

List of Potential Attachments

1. Marriage Certificate
2. Divorce Decree(s) / Legal Separation documentation
3. Notarized Letter regarding Dependents
4. Notarized Letter regarding Serving Without Spouse
5. Military Discharge Paperwork (DD214)
6. Notarized Letter regarding Student Loans / Financial Obligations
7. Transcript(s)
8. Master's International Acceptance Letter
9. Licenses / Certificates
10. Other attachments

Attachment Acknowledgement

Please read and respond to each question below. All questions are required. If an attachment does not apply to you, select "N/A."

With few exceptions, all necessary attachments are required prior to application submission.

Married applicants planning to serve with their spouse are required to provide a copy of their marriage certificate.

1. If you are currently married and planning to serve with your spouse, have you submitted a copy of your marriage certificate?
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ N/A

Married applicants planning to serve without their spouse are required to provide a copy of a notarized letter from their spouse.

2. If you are currently married and planning to serve without your spouse, have you submitted a copy of a notarized letter from your spouse?
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ N/A

Divorced or legally separated applicants are required to provide copies of all legal documents related to each divorce or legal separation. If a former divorced spouse is deceased, it is not necessary to submit a final divorce decree.

3. If you have been divorced or you are legally separated, have you submitted a copy of all relevant legal documents?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ N/A

Applicants with dependents are required to provide a notarized letter from the person assuming responsibility for all dependents.

4. If you have dependents, have you submitted a copy of a notarized letter from the person assuming responsibility for all dependents, affirming responsibility?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ N/A

Applicants who have someone else assuming payments for student loans are required to provide a copy of a notarized letter from that person affirming the commitment to make the payments.

5. If you have student loans that someone else is assuming payments on, have you submitted a copy of the notarized letter from that person?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ N/A

Applicants who have someone else assuming payments for financial obligations are required to provide a copy of a notarized letter from that person affirming the commitment to make those payments.

6. If you have financial obligations for which someone else is assuming payments, have you submitted a copy of the notarized letter from that person?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ N/A

Applicants who have been honorably discharged from the military within the last 10 years, dishonorably discharged from the military at any time or are in the Inactive Ready Reserves are required to provide a copy of their DD214.

7. If you were in the military and fit into one of the categories above, have you submitted a copy of your DD214?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ N/A

Applicants with a teaching certification or other applicable licenses and/or certificates are required to provide copies of these licenses and/or certificates.

8. If you have any licenses and/or certificates, have you submitted a copy of these to the application?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ N/A

Applicants who have attended a post-secondary school within the past ten years are required to provide a copy of the transcripts from that school. An unofficial copy of an official transcript is acceptable. All transcripts must include your full name and the name of the school.

9. If you have attended any post-secondary school within the last ten years, have you submitted copies of all transcripts?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ N/A

Applicants participating in the Master's International program must be accepted by the Master's International school before they can submit their application for Peace Corps service.

10. If you are a Master's International applicant, have you submitted a copy of your acceptance letter?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ N/A

If you answered "No" to any of these questions, please provide an explanation for not attaching the required documents below.

Request for Racial and Ethnic Data

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This information is voluntary. Your response will not affect consideration of your application. By providing this information, you will assist 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.

Ethnicity

Please check one of the classifications in the Ethnicity section below.

- ☐ Hispanic or Latino (a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. The term, "Spanish" origin can be used in addition to "Hispanic" or "Latino")
- ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

Race

Please check one or more of the classifications in the Race section below.

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.)
- ☐ Asian (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam)
- ☐ Black or African American (a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa. Terms such as "Haitian" or "Negro" can be used in addition to "Black" or "African American")
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands)
- ☐ White (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa)

Confirmation

Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Notice

The Peace Corps, an agency of the federal government, is required by the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) to advise you of the following information regarding this application. The Privacy Act addresses the federal government's use of certain personal information in agency files.

- A. This application is authorized by the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2501 et seq.) as amended.
- B. This information you provide will be used is to evaluate your suitability and qualifications to serve as a Peace Corps Volunteer.
- C. This information may be used for the routine uses described in the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a, and Peace Corps' published Routine Uses, summarized in [Peace Corps' System of Records](#).
- D. The completion of this form is voluntary. However, failure to complete the application will result in the Peace Corps being unable to assess your qualifications and may preclude your consideration for the Peace Corps.
- E. The Peace Corps estimates that it will take 6 hours to complete this form. 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.

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Expiration Date: 2/28/2015

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Certification

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 from Peace Corps service. In addition, any intentionally false statement or intended omission may be subject to fines and/or imprisonment pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001.

I also understand it is my responsibility throughout the application process to inform the Peace Corps promptly of any changes to the information provided here.

Signature _____

Date _____

If you live in....

Mail your completed form to this Peace Corps office:

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Mississippi, Puerto Rico, South
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Virgin Islands

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Fax 404.562.3455
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1601 Fifth Avenue, Suite 605
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