



# Volunteer application

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# Instructions for completing the 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.

**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
- Information about your health through the Health Status Review
- References from your work colleagues and friends

As you complete the application, please keep in mind:

The application can take up to eight hours to complete. However, you will be able to save your file throughout the application process and come back later to complete it.

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 Status Review form as part of the application process. If you are selected for an interview and nominated for service, you will 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.



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

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

**Core Expectations For Volunteers**

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 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

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

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**Signature**

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 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.

**Before beginning the full application process, please complete the following:**

**i. United States Citizenship:**

Peace Corps Volunteers must be United States citizens or naturalized citizens.

Are you a U.S. Citizen?  Yes  No

If yes, give place of birth:

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate of Naturalization number if you are a naturalized citizen:

\_\_\_\_\_

\* The Peace Corps cannot invite you to serve until you are sworn-in as a naturalized citizen.

**ii. Minimum Age:**

Peace Corps Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age.

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

### **iii. Health Requirements:**

Because of circumstances in countries and communities where Volunteers serve, certain health conditions cannot be accommodated during the 27 months of service. Other conditions may affect or limit where you can be placed. At the end of the application is a section about your health status. 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](http://www.peacecorps.gov/medical)**

The conditions listed in this section may disqualify you from serving or cause your application to be deferred for a certain period of time.

### **iv. Peace Corps Drug and Alcohol Policy**

Applicants with any drug-related charge/arrest or conviction 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 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 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.

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## Contact and personal information relevant to serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer:

**1. Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle (not initial) Last

**2. Social Security Number** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **3. Gender**  Female  Male

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

**4. Availability:**

A. The earliest date you can be available for Peace Corps service: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year  
You will be considered for assignments beginning after this date.  
*You must notify your recruiter if this date changes.*

B. The latest date you can be available for Peace Corps service: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

**5. Contact Information -** Please provide the following address information:

A. Current address and contact information:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (First, Middle (not initial), Last)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Number, Street, Apt. No.) City/State/ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Country

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone Cellphone Work phone (with extension)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Permanent e-mail address

B. Permanent address and contact information  
(This should be a person/address where you can always be reached. This person should live in the United States.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name (First, Middle (not initial), Last) Relationship to you

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Number, Street, Apt. No.) City/State/ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
County (California residents only) Country

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone Cellphone Work phone (with extension)

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address

Each trainee or Volunteer is required to establish a "Home-of-Record" that the trainee or Volunteer determines to be their permanent residence. The Home-of-Record is the only place to which travel will be authorized upon termination of service. This can be changed by request if the Home-of-Record changes.

C. Home of Record and contact information

Contact Name (First, Middle (not initial), Last)	Relationship to you	
Address (Number, Street, Apt. No.)	City/State/ZIP	
County (California residents only)		
Home phone	Cell phone	Work phone (with extension)
E-mail address		

\* Please notify your recruiter of any address changes.

**6. Have you previously:**

If **yes**, provide dates and location:

<p>A. Submitted a Peace Corps application? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____/_____/_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Month      Day      Year</p>
<p>B. Participated in Peace Corps training? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____/_____/_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Month      Day      Year</p>
<p>C. Served as a Peace Corps Volunteer? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____/_____/_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Month      Day      Year</p>
<p>D. Served as a PC Response Volunteer? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____/_____/_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Month      Day      Year</p>



## 7. Marital Status (Check all that apply)

The Peace Corps follows state law to determine whether two individuals are married, except to the extent that state law is inconsistent with the federal Defense of Marriage Act of 1996. Under that statute, for the purposes of federal programs (e.g., the Peace Corps), marriages must be between a man and a woman. If your marriage is recognized under the laws of your state of residence, and is in accordance with the Defense of Marriage Act, you and your spouse may apply for Peace Corps service as a couple. Note that marriage certificates are required and should be submitted at the point of application or shortly afterwards.

Both you and your spouse must apply and qualify for assignments in the same country.

If you are newly married, please be advised that all couples must be married in order to be nominated for an assignment, and married for a minimum of 12 months before beginning Peace Corps service. Make sure that your availability date is at least 12 months after your marriage date.

The Peace Corps cannot accommodate families with children or other dependents. If you and your spouse have dependents, you must provide proof that their needs will be met during 27 months of Volunteer service.

A.  Single (never married)

D.  Married—planning to serve without spouse

Name of spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

B.  Planning to marry within one year

Expected date of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

E.  Widowed

C.  Married—planning to serve with spouse

Date of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

F.  Divorced or legally separated

### Documents

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 can take several weeks to provide confirmations of name changes, couples must be married at least one year before their date of entering Peace Corps service. Newlyweds must provide a marriage certificate and any name change confirmations at least six months prior to their listed availability date (*see Item 4 of this application*).

**If you are planning to serve with your spouse**, submit your applications at the same time. Indicate name and Social Security number of spouse or fiancé/fiancée below:

Name and Social Security number of spouse (fiancé/fiancée):

\_\_\_\_\_

First

\_\_\_\_\_

Middle (not initial)

\_\_\_\_\_

Last

\_\_\_\_\_

Social Security number

List the name(s) of any/all former spouse(s) as well as the year(s) of divorce, separation, or death:

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Name (First, Middle (not initial), Last)

Divorced	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	____ / ____ / ____ Month Day Year
Separated	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	____ / ____ / ____ Month Day Year
Death	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	____ / ____ / ____ Month Day Year

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Name (First, Middle (not initial), Last)

Divorced	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	____ / ____ / ____ Month Day Year
Separated	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	____ / ____ / ____ Month Day Year
Death	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	____ / ____ / ____ Month Day Year

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Name (First, Middle (not initial), Last)

Divorced	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	____ / ____ / ____ Month Day Year
Separated	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	____ / ____ / ____ Month Day Year
Death	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	____ / ____ / ____ Month Day Year

**If you are divorced**, you must provide copies of all legal documents related to each divorce (including final divorce decree, settlement agreements, spousal and child support agreements, etc.) in English, regardless of when or where, including other countries, the divorce took place. Mail these directly to your regional recruitment office or scan and upload to this application. If a former divorced spouse is deceased, it is not necessary to submit a final divorce decree.

**If you are a married applicant planning to serve without your spouse**, you will be required to provide additional documentation.

**Attach additional information if needed.**

## 8. Dependents

A. Are any persons partially or totally dependent upon you for support, whether or not they are living with you?  Yes  No

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

Name of child	Address	Date of birth	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	Date of birth
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

D. Serving as a Volunteer with dependents at home is often a challenge. Explain below how you will continue to meet your support obligations while serving without salary as a Volunteer.

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\* The Peace Corps does not place families or individuals accompanied by dependent children. The Peace Corps requires a notarized letter from the person assuming responsibility for your dependent(s). This must be submitted to your regional recruiting office.

**9. Military Status**

A. Are you now a member of the ROTC, National Guard, or Reserves?  Yes  No

If yes, how will you fulfill your obligation? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. Have you ever served in the U.S. Armed Forces?  Yes  No

If yes, complete the following:

Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Serial/File number \_\_\_\_\_  
Highest rank held \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of service: from \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year  
to \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Type of discharge \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

D. **If you are currently in the Inactive Ready Reserves (IRR)** or expect to transfer to IRR status, you will be required to provide proof of IRR status.

**Attach additional information if needed.**

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

## 10. Drug, Alcohol, and Legal Information

**If you fail to disclose any required information** regarding 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 or intentional omission 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.

### A. Drug and Alcohol Information

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. 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

In your host country and community you will be perceived as a representative of the people, culture, values, and traditions of the United States of America (Core Expectation 9), and you are responsible for your personal conduct and professional performance (Core Expectation 5). The 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.

The Peace Corps may deem an applicant ineligible or unsuitable for Peace Corps service due to 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; consuming more than 12 ounces of beer, six ounces of wine, or three ounces of hard liquor in three hours, three times a week for a period of three months; 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.

1. Have you ever been arrested for, charged with, or convicted of any offense(s) related to alcohol or drugs?  
 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

\* The Peace Corps reserves the right to ask additional questions about your drug and alcohol use.

### B. Legal Status and History

**Report information regardless of whether the record in your case has been sealed, expunged, or otherwise stricken from the court record.**

All Peace Corps invitees must undergo a National Agency Check (NAC) background investigation to help determine legal eligibility for service. The NAC investigation will reveal all arrests regardless of disposition (i.e., suspended sentence, deferred judgment, dismissal, not guilty, reduced charge, mistaken identity, or expungement), therefore it is required that you disclose to the Peace Corps your official legal history and other experiences. The NAC form and fingerprint charts will be provided at a later date.

1. Have you ever been charged with or convicted of any felony offense?  
 Yes  No
2. Are there currently any charges or probation pending against you for any criminal offense?  
 Yes  No
3. Have you ever been subject to a court martial or other disciplinary proceeding under the Uniform Code of Military Justice? (Include nonjudicial, captain's mast, etc.)  
 Yes  No
4. Have you ever been arrested for, charged with, or convicted of any offense(s) not listed in questions 1 and 2 in the previous section and/or questions 1–3 above? (Exclude traffic fines less than \$200 unless the violation was alcohol and/or drug related.)  
 Yes  No
5. Are you currently involved in a civil suit?  
 Yes  No

**If you answered “yes” to any of the questions in sections A or B above, you must attach information separately with: (1) your name, (2) type of offense/suit (e.g., DUI, possession of marijuana, petty theft, suing landlord), (3) complete explanation and detailed circumstances of each arrest, charge, suit, judgment, or disciplinary action, (4) the relevant dates, (5) location (city, state, country) of the occurrence, (6) current status or disposition, and (7) any sentence, probation, community service, fine, or other penalty imposed.**

\* Your application will not be considered without this information. It is your responsibility to inform the Peace Corps 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 less than \$200.00.

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If you answer “yes” to any questions in 13, provide additional details.



### 11. Financial Obligations

Before you can serve in the Peace Corps, you must provide documentation establishing that you have made arrangements satisfactory to your creditor(s) to defer, pay, or otherwise fulfill all of your financial obligations. The Peace Corps will run a credit report to verify your financial information.

A. As of the date of this application, do you have any student loans?  Yes  No

If yes, provide the following information. Attach additional information if necessary.

Type of Loan \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Principal deferrable?  Yes  No Interest deferrable?  Yes  No

Type of Loan \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Principal deferrable?  Yes  No Interest deferrable?  Yes  No

Type of 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 below how you will meet this loan responsibility.

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B. As of the date of this application, do you have other financial obligations aside from student loans (including, but not limited to, a mortgage, credit card debt, taxes, car loan, alimony, or child support)?

Yes  No

If yes, please provide the following information. Attach additional information if necessary.

Type of financial obligation \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Type of financial obligation \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Type of financial obligation \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## 12. Intelligence Activities and Organizations

It has been the Peace Corps' policy since its founding in 1961 to exclude from Peace Corps Volunteer service and Peace Corps employment, 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. This policy has been reaffirmed by each successive administration.

The policy is founded on the premise that it is crucial to the Peace Corps in carrying out its mission that there be a complete and total separation of the Peace Corps from the intelligence activities of the United States government, both in reality and appearance. Any semblance of a connection between the 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 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 shall be 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 maybe considered a disqualifying connection.

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 10 years or disqualification for 10 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 the Peace Corps instructing you to contact those agencies who will coordinate with the 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 questions:

- A. 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
- B. Are you currently applying for employment or an internship with any 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 to provide the Peace Corps with a copy of the letter to each agency requesting the withdrawal of your application.*

**You have now provided us with the basic information needed.** The following questions are your opportunity to provide the Peace Corps with additional information that will help us determine if your interests, skills, experience, and educational background are a match for Peace Corps service. Information about your education, work experience, volunteerism and other activities are important to assessing skills and geographic priorities.

### 13. Postsecondary Education

Name of school \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_

From (Mo/Yr) \_\_\_\_\_ to (Mo/Yr) \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

Second Major \_\_\_\_\_

Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Second Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Type of degree, diploma, or certificate \_\_\_\_\_

Date received or expected \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_

From (Mo/Yr) \_\_\_\_\_ to (Mo/Yr) \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

Second Major \_\_\_\_\_

Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Second Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Type of degree, diploma, or certificate \_\_\_\_\_

Date received or expected \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_

From (Mo/Yr) \_\_\_\_\_ to (Mo/Yr) \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

Second Major \_\_\_\_\_

Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Type of degree, diploma, or certificate \_\_\_\_\_

Date received or expected \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_

From (Mo/Yr) \_\_\_\_\_ to (Mo/Yr) \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

Second Major \_\_\_\_\_

Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Type of degree, diploma, or certificate \_\_\_\_\_

Date received or expected \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_

**You must mail or email a copy of transcripts**, from all post-secondary schools attended within the past 10 years, directly to your regional recruitment office (an unofficial copy is acceptable as long as your name is listed). List all schools attended, regardless of attendance dates.

**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 credits are earned while serving in the Peace Corps.

Are you applying to the Master's International program?  Yes  No

If yes, please indicate which school and program below

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Program \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Program \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please note that you must be accepted by a Master's International school before you can be nominated for Peace Corps service. For information about Masters International: [www.peacecorps.gov/gradschool](http://www.peacecorps.gov/gradschool)

## 14. Language Skills

**Many assignments require previous language study.** Select the answer that most closely describes your formal and/or informal language experience. You will have the opportunity to discuss your language skills in more detail during the interview process. If you have been out of school less than 8 years, please complete the following course information:

**Formal Language Acquisition** (e.g., highest level completed, # years studied, high school, college and/or graduate school.)

(Please explain and give dates)

From Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr

Spanish

French

*Language*

*Language*

**Informal Language Acquisition** (e.g., study abroad, field experience, spoken at home, other accredited organization, etc.)

(Please explain and give dates)

From Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr

Spanish

French

*Language*

*Language*

**Language Skill Ranking** - Please rank your skills in the languages with which you are familiar. Guidelines for your rankings are described below.

Language

Oral Proficiency

Written Proficiency

Listening Proficiency

Language

Oral Proficiency

Written Proficiency

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## Explanation of Language Skills

### Bilingual Language Skills

- Oral Explanation - Speaking proficiency equivalent to that of an educated native speaker.
- Written Explanation - Able to handle formal translations from and into the language.
- Listening Explanation - Understand a range of speech styles for personal, social, and professional needs tailored to different audiences. Process language from within the cultural framework and is sensitive to social references. Comprehend plays, screen productions, editorials, academic debates, public policy statements, literary reading, jokes, and most slang.

### Professional Language Skills

- Oral Explanation - Able to use the language accurately in all settings.
- Written Explanation - Able to handle informal translations from and into the language.
- Listening Explanation - Understand the main ideas of speech in a standard dialect, including technical discussion in a field of specialization. Make inferences within the cultural framework of the targeted language. Follow extended discussions in lectures, speeches, and reports.

### Limited Language Skills

- Oral Explanation - Able to handle most social situations, including introductions and casual conversations.
- Written Explanation - Able to write elementary documents, such as completing limited work requirements that require no specialized knowledge.
- Listening Explanation - Understand sentences in context, especially words referring to basic personal features, needs, and activities. Understand face-to-face conversations, short telephone calls, and media announcements.

### Basic Language Skills

- Oral Explanation - Able to ask and answer questions on very familiar topics.
- Written Explanation - Able to write simple questions and statements.
- Listening Explanation - Understand short phrases and frequent commands. Require long pauses for assimilation.



## 15. Licenses/Certificates

Are you, will you be, or have you been a state-certified teacher?

Yes  No

State

Subject

Grade Level

List other job-related current or former licenses or certificates such as nursing or skilled trades rankings (including journeyman status).

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

\* After you submit your application, you must mail a photocopy or email an electronic copy of each current license/certificate directly to your regional recruiting office.

## 16. 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).

**Please complete this section and attach a copy of a current resume.**

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. Phone number, email address, and request to contact are only necessary for current and most recent former employment.

Current employer name:

Previous employer name:

City/State

From (Mo/Yr)

to (Mo/Yr)

Job title

Duties/Achievements

Hours per week

Name of supervisor

Phone number

Email address

May we contact your current employer?

Yes  No

Reason for leaving

City/State

From (Mo/Yr)

to (Mo/Yr)

Job title

Duties/Achievements

Hours per week

Name of supervisor

Phone number

Email address

May we contact your former employer?

Yes  No

Reason for leaving

Previous employer

\_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State

\_\_\_\_\_  
 From (Mo/Yr)                      to (Mo/Yr)

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 Job title

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 Duties/Achievements

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\_\_\_\_\_  
 Hours per week

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 Name of supervisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address

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 May we contact your former employer?     Yes     No

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 Reason for leaving

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Previous employer

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 May we contact your former employer?     Yes     No

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 Reason for leaving

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**17. 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.

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**Attach additional information if needed.**

## 18. Community/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, 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 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
- 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 skills to the Peace Corps. Thus, it is important to be as inclusive as possible in describing your activities. List your most recent activity first. Do not include experiences already listed in your employment history.

Organization Name

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Position held

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From (Mo/Yr) \_\_\_\_\_ to (Mo/Yr) \_\_\_\_\_

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Hours per week

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Name of supervisor

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May we contact your supervisor?  Yes  No

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Phone number

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Email address

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Duties/Achievements

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Organization Name

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Position held

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Hours per week

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May we contact your supervisor?  Yes  No

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Name of supervisor

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May we contact your supervisor?  Yes  No

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Phone number

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Email address

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Duties/Achievements

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**Attach additional information about your community or volunteer activities if needed.**

## 19. 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 your skills, adapt them, and learn new skills as needed (Core Expectation 2). The experience you have gained from hobbies, volunteer activities, and part-time or summer jobs may help you qualify for Peace Corps service. A number of skill areas and related activities are listed below. In space provided, please describe significant experiences you have had. If you described an experience elsewhere in the application, it is not necessary to repeat the information here.

### Agriculture and Environment

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

### Business

- Accounting/Bookkeeping
- Business Management
- Business Training
- Cooperatives/Credit Unions
- Fundraising
- Marketing
- Volunteering with or working for nonprofits

### Education/Teaching

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

### Health and Social Services

- Health Outreach
- Home Economics
- Social Work/Counseling
- Youth Work/Coaching/Sports
- Long-term Assisted Care
- HIV/AIDS Education
- Hospice

### Information and Communication Technology

- Computer Science
- Computer Literacy
- Radio
- TV
- Media Technologies

### Skilled Trades

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

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

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Description of experience:

## 20. 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 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 requests of host countries in providing Volunteers where they are needed most. We review with you your potential skill areas and where they are needed, your health status and where noted concerns can best be accommodated, and your availability for service and when groups of trainees are beginning service. Your regional interest, if any, is also a consideration when the other conditions are met.

A. Which best describes your interest in volunteering with the Peace Corps? (Select one)

- I am willing to go anywhere and do anything as needed.
- I wish to go to a particular geographic region, but will do anything needed.

B. Please indicate your geographic interests:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> No preference         | <input type="radio"/> Eastern/Central Europe   |
| <input type="radio"/> Asia                  | <input type="radio"/> North Africa/Middle East |
| <input type="radio"/> Central Asia          | <input type="radio"/> Pacific Islands          |
| <input type="radio"/> Caribbean             | <input type="radio"/> Sub-Saharan Africa       |
| <input type="radio"/> Central/South America |  |

Briefly explain any preferences:

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The Peace Corps does not place Volunteers in countries where you may have family or other potential conflicts of interest. In what countries do you have family members?

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## 22. 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 of any changes to the information provided here.

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Signature

Date

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### 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 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.

Please check one or more of the classifications in each of the two sections below.

#### Ethnicity

- 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

- 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)

## 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.).
- 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:
- To Peace Corps staff and contractors who have a need for the information in performance of their duties;
  - To host country officials for the purposes of obtaining visas and determining program placement;
  - To your family or next-of-kin so that you may be located in case of emergency;
  - In compelling circumstances affecting your health and safety;
  - To Congressional offices in response to an inquiry made at your request, or to Congress as requested;
  - To a U.S. ambassador or designee in a country where the Peace Corps serves when the information is needed to perform an official responsibility, to respond to official inquiries and deal with in-country situations that are within the scope of the ambassador's responsibility;
  - As required under the Freedom of Information Act;
  - To a court or other judicial body as appropriate;
  - To the Department of Treasury and other federal agencies for use in connection with support payments, tax matters and Social Security;
  - To verify active or former Volunteer service;
  - In the case of United Nations Volunteers, to appropriate U.N. officials;
  - To law enforcement agencies as appropriate;
  - As necessary to obtain information relevant to a security clearance;
  - To federal agencies having a need to verify Volunteer eligibility for federal employment;
  - To the U.S. Office of Management and Budget in connection with private relief legislation;
  - To the Department of Justice and others for litigation purposes;
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  - To the U.S. Office of Personnel Management in connection with their evaluation and oversight of federal personnel management;
  - To the Bureau of the Census for census purposes;
  - Without personal identifiers, for statistical purposes;
  - To the comptroller general in the performance of the duties of the Government Accountability Office.
- D. The completion of this form is voluntary. However, the failure to do so will result in the Peace Corps being unable to assess your qualifications and result in non-selection for the Volunteer program for which you have applied.
- E. The Peace Corps estimates that it will take eight hours to complete this form. Send comments about this form to:
- Peace Corps  
Paul D. Coverdell Peace Corps Headquarters  
1111 20th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20526

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If you live in...

Mail your completed form to this Peace Corps office:

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**Fax** 404.562.3455  
**Questions?** 404.562.3456  
atinfo@peacecorps.gov

Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire,  
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**Boston Regional Recruitment Office**  
Tip O'Neill Federal Building  
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Boston, MA 02222

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boston@peacecorps.gov

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