

Application Process Tipsheet & Checklist

Prior to Applying

- Research all the information you need to make an informed decision about committing to the Peace Corps
- Review the list of medical conditions that the Peace Corps is typically unable to support at peacecorps.gov/medical
- Attend an in-person or online information session to learn more about the opportunities and realities of service. Talk with returned Peace Corps Volunteers. See peacecorps.gov/events
- Speak to a recruiter by calling **800.424.8580**

Submitting Your Application

- Begin the application process by going to peacecorps.gov/apply
- Prepare the following information:
 - Three references and contact information—work supervisor, volunteer supervisor, personal (the person cannot be related to you)
 - Your employment, volunteer history, and practical skills experience
 - Your resume
 - Two essays demonstrating your motivation and cross-cultural experience. Each essay should be between 250-500 words
 - College transcripts unless, generally, you have 10 years applicable professional experience (an unofficial copy is acceptable)
 - Outline of outstanding student loan(s), credit card(s), mortgage, or other financial obligations
 - If someone else will assume responsibility for financial obligations during your Peace Corps service, a notarized letter is required from him or her stating this
 - If you have financial obligations, provide us with a narrative regarding the obligations and your plan to satisfy them while overseas
 - If you are married and applying to serve without your spouse, get a notarized letter from your spouse stating his or her support
 - Store your application password for later
- Proofread your application, essays, and resume before final submission
- Complete and submit the application
- Complete and submit the Health History Form

Application Follow-up

After you submit your application, you should hear from your recruitment office within two weeks.

If you are considering the graduate school program, Masters International, apply to the school first and then apply to the Peace Corps. Get more information at peacecorps.gov/masters.



Peace Corps Application Quick Reference

My recruiter's name and phone number:

My candidate reference # is: _____

My email login is: _____

My password is: _____

After Nomination

My recruiter nominated me on this date:

The tentative region of my assignment is:

My estimated departure date is:

- Remember to complete your fingerprint cards and National Agency Checklist form and mail them back to the Peace Corps as soon as possible.**

*All of the above **may change** between nomination and invitation! Fill in these blanks yourself as you receive information from the Peace Corps.*

Medical Qualification

Expect email correspondence from the medical office within 48 hours of nomination. If you haven't received contact via email after a week, contact your recruiter.

All requests will be accompanied by specific instructions on what medical information is required. Make sure you follow all of the instructions exactly,

as errors will delay processing. The best way to return information is to scan and upload documentation to the medical team. You may fax or mail in documents, but please be aware that faxing or mailing documents may delay receipt for up to four weeks. Always remember to keep a photocopy of everything. It is important to submit all medical forms as soon as possible. If you anticipate a delay, please contact your evaluation nurse or assistant for advice.

Legal Clearance

If there are any legal issues identified by the Legal Office, you might be asked to provide additional information.

Placement

Only contact the Placement Office after you have been legally cleared. If you do not hear from your placement officer and your departure month is less than four months away, contact your recruiter for your placement officer's phone number.

My placement officer is:

He or she can be reached at this number:

Invitation

The Placement Office will review your file once you are legally cleared.

Invitations are determined by a number of factors, including medical support (if any), program availability, and applicant suitability. Flexibility is key.

If invited, my letter will indicate a deadline to respond.

My deadline is: _____



*For more information, talk to a Peace Corps recruiter at **800.424.8580**, and visit **peacecorps.gov**.*