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SAGE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Applicant's Name: _____
First Middle Last

Program Preference: Short-term Volunteer (less than 4 wks)
 4 week Youth Volunteer
 8 week Youth Volunteer

Mailing Address: _____

Student E-Mail: _____ Home Phone: _____

Birth (a) date _____ (b) place _____
month/day/year city country

Passport Number: _____ Nationality: _____ Issue & Expiry date: _____
(Note: If you do not already have a passport, please apply for one as soon as possible.)

Name and address of present school: _____

Present Grade: _____ Current GPA: _____ Age: _____

How did you hear about the SAGE Volunteer Program? _____

Are you applying with a friend (to receive a discount)? _____

Friend's full name: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION:

Father's (Guardian's) Name: _____ Profession: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Mother's (Guardian's) Name: _____ Profession: _____

Address: (if different from Father) _____

Email: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Applicant lives with: Both parents Father Mother

APPLICANT QUESTIONNAIRE:

APPLICANT: On a separate page, please answer the following questions: (typed, single spaced, use more than one sheet if necessary)

1. Why do you want to participate in the SAGE Volunteer Program?
2. Describe any previous experience you have with India, or with the study of India (history, music, language, etc.)
3. Describe any previous experience you have had traveling or living in a developing country (i.e. in Asia, Africa or Latin America.)
4. What challenges do you expect to encounter on this program and how will you try to overcome them?
5. How do you cope with stressful situations? How adaptable are you to new situations?
6. What strengths or contributions will you bring to the program and to your group members?
7. What are your strengths and weaknesses when working in group situations?
8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about yourself?

T-SHIRTS:

All participants will receive a complimentary SAGE Volunteer T-shirt. Please circle your T-shirt size:

- Small Medium Large X-Large

PROCEDURES:

Our admission process is on a first-come, first-serve basis, so please do not wait to submit your application. Soon after we receive your completed application, we will call you for a phone interview. Within two weeks of your phone interview, SAGE will notify you about whether you have been accepted. After you have been formally accepted, SAGE will send you instructions on how to access an online information packet that includes health information, medical/emergency insurance information, visa application procedures, our alcohol and drug policy, a liability waiver, a packing list, and other preparatory materials.

To confirm participation in the program and to secure a space, accepted students must send SAGE an initial payment of \$1000 (credited toward total cost) within 15 days of acceptance. Your space in the program will not be confirmed until we receive the initial deposit fee.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send:

1. **Your completed and signed application forms (this form)**
2. **Applicant questionnaire responses**
3. **Your parents' recommendation form**
4. **Two adult recommendation forms (1 from a friend/mentor; 1 from a current teacher)**
5. **A recent color photograph of yourself**
6. **A color photocopy of your passport (if you have one)**
7. **\$75 non-refundable application fee (checks payable to "SAGE Program")**

**To: SAGE Volunteer Program
19 Old Town Square, Suite #238
Fort Collins, CO 80524**



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SAGE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

(To be completed by the applicant's parents or guardians)

1. Are you supportive of your child's participation on this program? Please discuss any hopes or concerns you have for them in the program: _____

2. The SAGE Volunteer Program provides many opportunities for personal growth and development. The travel, meeting new friends and visiting new places also involve a certain amount of independence and self-reliance. How do you think your child will respond to such opportunities? _____

3. Because of the international nature of this trip, sensitivity to the traditions and expectations of another culture, respect for authority, and adherence to rules and regulations are necessary. How do you anticipate your child will respond to these expectations? _____

4. On the SAGE Volunteer Program, students and leaders from many different backgrounds live, work and play together as a close-knit group. What is your appraisal of your child with respect to:

honesty _____

reliability _____

self-discipline _____

motivation _____

respect towards adults _____

ease of making friends _____

adaptability to new situations _____

5. Does your child now receive, or in recent years has he/she received any sort of personal or psychological counseling?

If so, please describe: _____

6. Will your child be taking any medications while on the trip? Does your child have any special medical conditions that we should be aware of? Please describe any special medications or medical conditions: _____

7. Is there anything else that you feel that we should know about your child? _____

We realize that it may be difficult for a parent or guardian to appraise his or her son or daughter objectively. Yet we feel that your statement has value, as compared with statements by others not so close to an individual. We appreciate your willingness to share your comments.

Date _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name _____

Email address: _____

Telephone number: _____



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SAGE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION FORM 1

(To be completed by an adult friend, mentor, youth leader, or counselor)

_____ is applying to the SAGE Volunteer Program. The SAGE Volunteer Program offers young people a rigorous international travel experience, and challenges students to grow intellectually, socially, and emotionally. We value your assessment of the student as an important component of the student's application. Please complete this confidential recommendation form and return it **directly to the applicant in a sealed envelope.**

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

2. Please give a brief, frank statement concerning the student's:

a. character _____

b. concern for others _____

c. social interests _____

d. international interests _____

3. Additional comments, including mention of any evident strengths or weaknesses, would be appreciated. Please feel free to attach a page if necessary. _____

4. Would you: ___ highly recommend ___ recommend ___ not recommend this candidate for this volunteer program?

Additional comments: _____

Date: _____ Name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____



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SAGE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION FORM 2

(To be completed by a teacher)

_____ is applying to the SAGE Volunteer Program. The SAGE Volunteer Program offers young people a rigorous international travel experience, and challenges students to grow intellectually, socially, and emotionally. We value your assessment of the student as an important component of the student's application. Please complete this confidential recommendation form and return it **directly to the applicant in a sealed envelope**.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

2. Please give a brief, frank statement concerning the student's:

a. character _____

b. study/work habits _____

c. group work skills _____

d. international interests _____

3. Additional comments, including mention of any evident strengths or weaknesses, would be appreciated. Please feel free to attach a page if necessary. _____

4. Would you: ___ highly recommend ___ recommend ___ not recommend this candidate for this volunteer program?

Additional comments: _____

Date: _____ Name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____