

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHINA APPLICATION FOR CHINA PROGRAMS

Name as it appears on your passport _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Current Address _____

Permanent Address where your passport will be sent
after obtaining a China visa: _____

Telephone: Home (____) _____

Cellular (____) _____

E-mail _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Citizenship _____ Sex ____ Marital Status _____

Present or Most Recent Occupation and Employer _____

<p>Do you presently have a passport valid through January, 2007, with 2 clean facing pages? YES ____ NO ____</p> <p>If NO, are you willing to apply for a passport within 7 days? YES ____ NO ____</p> <p>If YES, enclose a clear, readable copy of your passport and complete the info requested in the next four spaces:</p>
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Passport No. _____ Place of Issue _____
(City/Country)

Date of Issue _____ Date of Expiration _____

Religious Affiliation _____

Are you applying in relationship to a sending agency? **YES** / NO

If Yes, which one? Volunteers for China (VFC)

**Send to: Volunteers for China, David and Ann Wilson, 709 Verdant Lane, Maryville, TN 37804-6132
Phone: 865-983-9852**

<p>Attach Photo</p> <p>(This does not need to be an official passport photo. A snapshot or digital will do here.)</p>
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In case of emergency, whom should we contact?

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Telephone: Home _____ Office/Cell _____
 (Area code) (Area code)

E-mail _____

Primary Insurance Company: _____
 Policy Number: _____

Policy Holder Name: _____
 Policy Holder Relationship: _____

You will automatically be enrolled in an emergency medical/evacuation insurance plan.

Give the name of the person you wish to be **your beneficiary** on this emergency policy:

Name: _____
 Phone: _____

Relationship to you: _____ Email: _____

List Your Formal Education (List most recent first)

Dates	Names & Location of the Institution	Degree/Certificate Awarded	Major
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

List Your Work Experience (List most recent first)

Dates	Names & Location of Employers	Duties Performed
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Write a short statement of no more than 200 words describing the reason you wish to go to serve in China as an English teacher or college student cultural exchange participant. (Feel free to include any information which may be of help in evaluating this application, including any previous experience with China.)

- I understand that Volunteers for China has the following guidelines for its participants:
1. Teachers and students are expected to respect the laws and decrees of the People’s Republic of China, and to observe the regulations of the schools to which they are assigned.
 2. Teachers and students are expected to respect Chinese customs, especially with regard to sexual relationships. In this light, "casual affairs", pre or extra-marital sex and homosexual relationships are not acceptable.
 3. Teachers are expected to carry out the teaching assignment agreed upon between themselves and their respective institutions. (Teachers should not make any weekend travel plans that interfere with regularly scheduled classes.)
 4. Christian teachers and students are welcome to attend worship services and meet with Chinese Christians. The Chinese church, being part of the Church universal, is self-governing, self-supporting and self-propagating. While teachers are free to speak of religious beliefs in their conversations with students and colleagues in China, they should not engage in any activity of a proselytizing nature.
- I will observe these guidelines and will respect the position of Volunteers for China.

Signature _____ Date _____

Health Questionnaire for Applicants to the Volunteers For China English Programs in China

The information requested in this form is designed to help us determine how and where you can serve most effectively. Please complete *both* pages of the health questionnaire and submit it along with your volunteer application.

Name: _____ Sex: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Heart rate: _____ Blood Pressure: _____

Do you have or have you ever had (specify date if not current) any of the following problems?

	Yes	No	Date/Explanation of problem
Heart attack or heart failure (circle)			
Angina or Chest pain			
Irregular heart beat or pacemaker (circle)			
High Blood Pressure			
Asthma			
Emphysema or Bronchitis (circle)			
Diabetes mellitus (if so, for how long?)			
Stroke or seizures (circle)			
Kidney Disease			
Bleeding Disorder or anemia (circle)			
Cancer or tumors (circle)			
Arthritis			
Ear, Nose and Throat problems (circle)			
Migraines			
Tested positive for HIV or AIDS (circle)			
Sleep Disorders			
Allergies (please specify)			
Hearing or Vision Impairment			

List all other major illnesses and/or any physical/mental/emotional difficulties not listed above:

**PHYSICAL FITNESS QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR THOSE APPLYING TO SERVE
IN AN ENGLISH PROGRAM IN CHINA**

Chinese partner schools are anxious to insure that their international guests are safe and healthy while in China, and the final decision to invite volunteers to participate in the summer programs ultimately rests with them. Life is more strenuous in China, and July is the hottest month. Please carefully consider the following statements in regards to your own personal health.

Applicants aged 69 years of age and over should take this form, discuss it with their doctor, and have him or her write a letter stating that there are no health issues that would prohibit them from effectively completing the assignment as English teacher for 5 weeks in summer heat.

Once more, please note that it is not the sending agency's decision to accept or reject applicants for the summer programs. Each volunteer's resume and health situation is given to the partnering school. The invitation to teach in a summer program will be issued by the school upon approval of the individual's resume and assurances of their health.

1. I can walk a mile in the heat of the day. (Average July temperature = 95-104 F / 35-40 C)

Summer teachers must often walk from their hotel or guesthouse to their classroom, carrying their teaching materials, twice a day. Taxis, buses, or other transportation may not be available.

2. I can walk up at least 4 flights of stairs a half dozen times each day, carrying teaching materials.

Most Chinese buildings in more rural areas are not equipped with elevators, and classrooms are often assigned on upper floors because it is cooler and there is less noise coming through open windows. Even if there happens to be an elevator, it may often be out of service.

3. I can handle my own luggage.

Handling luggage upon international departure from your home country may not be a problem, but once you reach China, porters and carts may not be available to assist you. You may be expected to carry ALL of your own luggage on and off trains and up and down stairs, especially once you arrive at your teaching site. Your teammates will be handling their own luggage, and should not be counted on to help with yours. Apartments or guestrooms where you live may be on the third or fourth floors.

4. I can stand and teach for at least 3 hours (3 to 4 classes) each morning and 2 hours each afternoon, in classrooms without air conditioners.

Teachers are expected to teach for at least 5 hours each day in hot, humid conditions. Your guestroom might have an AC for sleeping, but virtually all other buildings are non-AC.

5. I can walk comfortably without the aid of cane or walker.

Chinese buildings are not always easily accessible. There are many stairs, uneven sidewalks, and curbs to be negotiated.

6. I have prayerfully considered all the physical challenges and feel confident that I can effectively discharge my teaching responsibilities as a summer volunteer teacher.

The Chinese are eager for the teaching help of native English speakers, but they realize the special challenges their society presents to international friends who may not be accustomed to these challenges. They want you to come and be healthy, happy, and effective during your stay..

Signature

Date

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PROJECT SHIRT:

Tee shirt size: S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ XXL ____ XXXL ____

IF A CHOICE IS POSSIBLE, I prefer a shirt with _____ without _____ a collar.

REFERENCES:

List four people who know you well and are willing to fill out a Character Reference Questionnaire enclosed later in this packet. Make four copies and distribute them to these persons. Please have them return the reference forms to the Volunteers for China address (not to you!) within seven days of your giving it to them. No family please.

Pastor or staff member at your church. .

Name: _____

Sunday school teacher, small group colleague, co-worker.

Name: _____

Employer, manager, professor or teacher.

Name: _____

Roommate or friend.

Name: _____

PHOTO RELEASE:

I authorize Volunteers for China and related partners to use photographs, video, or other images of me in promotional materials. YES ____ NO ____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 18 years of age): _____ Date: _____

USE OF ALCOHOL : Participants with Volunteers for China will involve many different church backgrounds, and traditions. Realizing that there are differences in the body of Christ over the matter of drinking alcohol in moderation, we have chosen not to take a particular position on this issue. We are aware that many people do have a strong opinion on this issue. It is our feeling that any involvement with alcohol or tobacco during involvement with Volunteers for China could cause team disharmony and detract from the nature and goals of the VFC ministry. Therefore we ask that participants refrain from the use of these items throughout the trip. Your signature denotes your agreement with this request.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

AIR TRAVEL:

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Departure airports in order of priority: list 2 major commercial airports from which you wish to fly that are closest to your home and are served by a major airline.

1. _____
2. _____

You will be booked on the one you choose. **Change fees after booking or cancellation fees are approximately \$250 which is your responsibility.**

Return airport: If you wish to return to a different airport than your departure airport, indicate where you wish to return to:

1. _____

**VOLUNTEERS for CHINA
VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITY CHECKLIST**

Assignment Location: China, as determined by Volunteers for China

Assignment Dates: As indicated in other communications

Assignment Description: Teach Conversational English or Participate in a College Student Cultural Exchange

I, _____, agree to be responsible for preparing for
(print name in blank above)
and performing the duties of the above assignment as given to me in previous communications.

(initial each blank below as indication of agreement)

___ I will secure the prayer support of at least two persons for daily prayer throughout the assignment; request the prayers of my church; begin to pray daily for this missions venture;

___ I will arrange my travel with the Wilsons, once instructed to do so;

___ I will complete the Volunteers for China Application Form and all other requested information;

___ I will **immediately** obtain a passport if I don't presently have one; (Normally this takes four to six weeks.)

___ I will perform the assignment for which I have applied; respect my team facilitator; participate in team devotions as guided by my team leader; and attend the local Christian church at my teaching site;

___ I will complete the project evaluation form upon my return from the assignment and return it to Volunteers for China.

Finally, I hereby express my understanding that VOLUNTEERS for CHINA and its associates, do not assume any responsibility for loss of property, damage to the same, personal harm or illness that may come; and I, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, distributees and assignees, in consideration of my admission to volunteer service and other good and valuable considerations, do hereby absolve said VOLUNTEERS for CHINA and its associates and hold them harmless from any claim or demand which I or they might conceivably assert upon the basis of the foregoing.

Signature _____

Date _____

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Character Reference Form

(copies are needed for distribution to four persons)

_____ has expressed an interest in joining **Volunteers for China (VFC)** to do ministry/service in China. Please take a few minutes to confidentially answer the following questions. When you have filled this out, please **send it back to Volunteers for China** (address at the bottom). Thanks for your time.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN WITHIN SEVEN DAYS.

1. Your name: _____ Phone number: _____

Mailing address: _____

2. How long have you known the applicant? _____

3. What is your relationship to the applicant? _____

4. What would you say is his/her greatest strength? _____

5. What would you say is his/her greatest weakness? _____

6. Circle the following answers that best fit the descriptions about the applicant:

	GREAT	FAIR	POOR	UNSURE
a. Relates well to others	X	X	X	X
b. Flexible, flexible, flexible!	X	X	X	X
c. Has a positive outlook on life	X	X	X	X
d. Is a good role model for other believers	X	X	X	X
e. Integrity	X	X	X	X
f. Has a good reputation in the community	X	X	X	X
g. Dependable	X	X	X	X
h. Handles stress well	X	X	X	X
i. Creative	X	X	X	X
j. Hard worker	X	X	X	X
k. Thoughtful	X	X	X	X
l. Teachable	X	X	X	X

Additional comments: _____

Thank you for your time. Please feel free to call VFC if you have questions about this form.

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