

Application Guidelines for English Teaching Volunteer Service Program for Overseas Youth 2022

SPONSORS

Overseas Community Affairs Council, R.O.C. (Taiwan) (OCAC)
Ministry of Education (MOE)
Hakka Affairs Council (HAC)
Council of Indigenous Peoples (CIP)

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

The program will be held from July 9 to August 3, 2022. It is expected that there will be 836 volunteers (including 50 volunteers of Hakka origin, and 100 students of OCAC Taiwan Centers For Mandarin Learning recommended by overseas offices)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICATION

1. Applicants must be in the 11th grade or above at the time of application and between the ages of 17 and 25 (as shown on passport) by November 30, 2022. Applicants must currently reside in the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Ireland, South Africa or Belize. Applicants should be in good health and English must be their native language. Applicants must be highly motivated and have basic communication skills of spoken Mandarin.
2. Applicants who apply this program as Hakka origin must be recommended by Hakka association or groups in their overseas residential areas.
3. Applicants have registered for the English Teaching Volunteer Service Program before and received 2021 English Teaching Volunteer Service Program online training certification (approx.4 hours) are permitted to apply.

APPLICATION PERIOD

The program's registration will open on December 15, 2021 and end on March 15, 2022 (the recommendee list must be delivered to the OCAC before March 21, 2022 otherwise it will not be accepted)

APPLICATION METHOD

Please apply online through the "OCAC registration system" (the system is being tested, you will be notified after it is officially launched) Or visit OCAC website (www.ocac.gov.tw) / expatriate youth activities (Home > Services for Overseas Compatriot Students and Youth > Overseas Compatriot Youth Study Activities) to obtain the application forms.

Please submit the completed application package along with the required documents and apply through ROC Embassies, Missions, or overseas Cultural Centers.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. The following documents (the application package) must be submitted:
 - (1) Application form (please print out the page after submitting online application) with a 1½-inch photo taken within six months of the date of submission.
 - (2) Program Rules and Regulations Evaluation Table signed by the applicant and the parent.
 - (3) Personal Data Consent Form signed by the (adult) applicant or the legal representative (when applicant is minor).
 - (4) A copy of the applicant's health insurance card.
 - (5) Copies of the applicant's birth certificate and the residing country's passport.
 - (6) Official school cumulative grades transcript from the institute(s) of your highest level of education.
 - (7) Submit related vaccination documentation or COVID-19 Vaccination Record for 2- dose vaccination.
2. Your admission status with the program will be notified on April 1, 2022. Those admitted should confirm attendance immediately before April 11, 2022 , then, within the next 14 days, have their family doctor complete the Health Certificate, upload a copy to their web account, and mail the completed form to the same ROC Embassy, Mission, or Cultural Center where the application package was sent. Those who decide to participate are required to provide their arrival flight information online with a copy of purchased airline ticket and submit a request for airport pick-up if necessary, before May 15, 2022. The conditional admission may be withdrawn if the required information is not uploaded on time. At registration, proof of a negative rapid or PCR test from the past 2 days must be provided.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

1. First week: English training skill enhancement.
2. Second and Third week:
 - (1) Each participant will teach English at a Junior High school or Elementary school (Teaching time will be 8 hours a day Monday to Friday).
 - (2) Accommodation will be in 4-6 person rooms
3. 3-day: Taiwan cultural visits.

PROGRAM FEES

1. For the entire duration of the program, the sponsors will pay for the meals, accommodations and group transportation in Taiwan. The sponsors will also provide NT\$4,000,000 travel insurance and NT\$400,000 medical insurance.
2. The participant must pay the following expenses:
 - (1) Round-trip air fares from the country of residence to Taiwan.
 - (2) Personal medical expenses exceeding the insurance's coverage.
 - (3) Accommodations and other expenses if the participant arrives earlier or leaves later.

VISA

Visa Exempt Entry and Landing Visa are NOT appropriate for any stay over **90 days**. The participant should contact the nearest ROC Embassy, Mission or Cultural Office beforehand to apply for a suitable visa if they intend to stay for longer than 30 days. The OCAC and program organizer shall not be held responsible for any inconvenience that may be caused if the participant's visa is overdue.

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATION

1. This activity is international volunteer service in nature not a visit. During the teaching service period, the school to which you are allocated may be remote or lack teaching resources and the living environment may be of a lower level than in the city. We hope volunteers can have an in-depth experience and merge into local life through teaching service and hope they can establish a correct understanding of service.
2. The OCAC reserves the right to review, admit and allocate volunteers; after an admitted volunteer is allocated to a school, no request for change of school will be allowed
3. All those enrolled and taking part in service must complete English teaching program service unless this is prevented by health reasons or force majeure. Those who complete the full program and who submit a report on their thoughts and experiences before the activity ends and who have not violated the rules of the undertaking unit or the school where they volunteered will be given an 80-hour English-Chinese service certificate.
4. For any doubts about registration, the Chinese prospectus shall take precedence.