

Application Guidelines for English Teaching Volunteer Service Program for Overseas Youth 2023

SPONSORS

Overseas Community Affairs Council, R.O.C. (Taiwan) (OCAC)
K-12 Education Administration, Ministry of Education (MOE)
Hakka Affairs Council (HAC)
Council of Indigenous Peoples (CIP)

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

The program will be held from July 8 to August 3, 2023. It is expected that there will be 800 participants.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants should hold an I-Compatriot Card when applying for the program.
2. 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, 2023 and live in an English speaking country (those not living in an English speaking country must provide proof of achieving higher than CEFR B2 level.). Applicants must have basic communication skills in Mandarin.
3. Applicants who apply this program as of Hakka origin must be recommended by Hakka association or groups in their place of overseas residence.
4. Applicants who have registered for the English Teaching Volunteer Service Program before can apply again.

APPLICATION PERIOD

Application period until April 28, 2023 (GMT+8).

APPLICATION METHOD

Please apply for the program on the OCAC activity registration website and upload the following documents as e-files to the “document submission” column of the registration system.

- (1) Program Rules and Regulations Evaluation Table signed by the applicant and a parent.
- (2) A copy of the applicant’s health insurance card or document.
- (3) Copies of the applicant’s country of residence passport.
- (4) Official school cumulative grades transcript from the institute(s) of highest level of education.
- (5) A copy of COVID-19 Vaccination Record for 2-dose vaccination.
- (6) Digital certificate issuing system privacy notice and agreement authorization letter.

- (7) Those not living in an English speaking country must provide proof of achieving higher than CEFR B2 level.
2. Admission status will be posted on the official website of the OCAC (www.ocac.gov.tw) and the OCAC activity registration website before May 19, 2023. The admitted should reply Agree to Participate or Cannot Participate before May 26, 2023.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

1. First week: English training skill enhancement.
2. Second and Third week: Each participant will teach English at a junior high school or elementary school somewhere in Taiwan (Teaching time will be 8 hours a day Monday to Friday).
3. 5-day: Taiwan cultural visits.

PROGRAM FEES

1. For the entire duration of the program, the sponsors will pay for meals, accommodation, group transportation in Taiwan and administration expenses. 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 insurance coverage.
 - (3) Accommodation and other expenses if the participant arrives earlier or leaves later.

VISA

Different Visa Exempt Entry lengths of stay are given for the passports of different countries. If a participant intends to stay longer than the 30-90 days allowed by Visa Exempt Entry, they will be unable to use Visa Exempt Entry or Landing Visa. The participant should contact the nearest ROC Embassy, Mission or Cultural Office beforehand to apply for a suitable visa. The OCAC and program organizer shall not be held responsible for any inconvenience that may be caused if the participant's visa cannot be extended.

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

1. The Accommodation will be 4-6 person rooms in principle.
2. **This program is international volunteer service not a pleasure 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 volunteer service.**
3. 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 accepted.

4. 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 3-week 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.
5. For any doubts about registration, the Chinese prospectus shall take precedence.