



ENGLISH VOLUNTEER, MISSIONARY, AND MISSIONARY INTERN APPLICATION

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #
City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ Age: _____

Do you have any experience teaching English or have an ESL Certificate? Yes [] No []
If yes, please explain: _____

How long do you plan to volunteer at PCA? _____ Expected Month/Year Entry _____ Exit _____

Have you ever volunteered outside of the United States before? Yes [] No [] Where? _____

Do you have previous experience working with children? Yes [] No [] If yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes [] No [] If yes, please explain: _____

Why do want to volunteer teaching English at PCA? _____

*Include attachment if more space is needed.

Education

High School: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES [] NO [] Diploma: _____

College: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES [] NO [] Degree: _____

Other: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES [] NO [] Degree: _____

Faith Background

Though being a Christian is not a requirement for volunteering at PCA, it is very important all volunteers understand PCA is a Christian school and therefore has many components and activities volunteers are required to participate in and administer in the school and ministry. Which include, but are not limited to, weekly Bible Studies with PCA leadership, weekly Church attendance, weekly Chapel services, daily Morning Prayer and scripture recitation, and teaching/leading curriculum and activities which are Biblically based.

Do you regularly attend church services? Yes No If yes, church name? _____

Are you a Christian? Yes No If yes, please briefly share your testimony: _____

Do you have concerns attending weekly Bible Studies, Church Services or Prayer Meetings? Yes No

Are you comfortable teaching Bible based curriculum and scripture verses to students? Yes No

Do you have any problems or concerns with following the modest dress code of PCA? Yes No

What role does God presently play in your life? _____

Do you have any concerns working with church groups or religious volunteers? Yes No

Have you read and agree with PCA's Vision, Mission and Belief Statements? Yes No

Other Needed Information

Do you have any food allergies? Yes No Please list: _____

Do you have any physical or medical considerations PCA needs to be aware of? Yes No Please list: _____

Passport Number: _____ Passport Expiration: _____ Attach a photocopy of your passport.

References

Please attach to this application or e-mail to bwitonski@gmail.com three references.

1. A character reference from a non-family member.
2. Professional reference from either a previous employer or professor if not previously employed.
3. An additional character or professional reference like above.

Support and Visa Information

SHORT TERM VOLUNTEERS AND MISSIONARY INTERNS: (6 months or less)

As a short-term volunteer, you need a minimum of \$750 per month plus \$2,000 for travel. \$150 is for Room and Board, \$500 for ministry, and \$100 is estimated for personal expenses. Please answer the following questions related to how you plan to fund your volunteering at PCA based on your length of volunteering.

How do you plan to raise your funding? _____

Do you want to use our parent organizations fund raising site (www.lovepala.com) for your fundraising? _____

VISA INFORMATION

The normal 90 day tourist visa will cover your time in Nicaragua and will cost \$10. Your passport will need to be at least 6 months from expiration of your exit date.

ROOM AND BOARD

Short-term room and board involves staying in PCA provided group housing or a host family home. Food will be typical Nicaraguan food. \$150 is paid to PCA per month for these costs.

LONG TERM VOLUNTEERS AND MISSIONARIES: (Greater than 6 months)

As a long-term volunteer, PCA will work with you to help determine the monthly support you will need based on your individual needs and expected length of time in Palacaguina. It is required you raise 80% of your support before coming to Nicaragua and 100% within 6 months of arrival.

How do you plan to raise your funding? _____

Do you want to use our parent organizations fund raising site (www.lovepala.com) for your fundraising? _____

ROOM AND BOARD

For volunteers seeking to serve a minimum of 6 months, PCA offers (when available) assistance of \$100 per month. This is in the form of provided room and board and is paid through the school office. Availability is based on ministry budget and need. Do you want to apply for this assistance? Yes No

Do you agree if you leave prior to the 6 month minimum requirement to receive Room and Board assistance, any compensation given will need to be refunded to PCA? Yes No

Long-term room and board involves staying in a PCA approved host family home. PCA will assist as much as possible in identifying housing options, however, securing approved long-term accommodations in the city of Palacaguina is the volunteer's responsibility.

VISA INFORMATION

Due to the current political climate in Nicaragua, it is difficult to obtain long-term missionary approval as of July 2018. Therefore, PCA will not be applying for a missionary visa for you. You will be entering Nicaragua under the standard 90-day tourist visa. Due to this, volunteers and missionaries are required to travel every 90 days to reset their visa. This trip can either be to the United States or to Costa Rica. If you choose to travel to Costa Rica, PCA will provide an option for you to travel with one of our local missionaries or families. You are not permitted to make this trip on your own for safety and security reasons. It is unwise to travel alone when traveling through Central America.

PCA DRESS CODE

- All clothing should be clean and free of excessive holes and/or tears.
- Hair is to be clean, neatly groomed, and styled in a manner that is not distracting.
- Hats are not allowed to be worn inside the classroom. No offensive markings.
- Makeup may be worn as long as it is not excessive.
- All pants should be appropriately sized, neither too tight nor oversized.
- Sweatpants, yoga pants, or jogging pants are not allowed on campus.
- No garments made of stretch material (i.e. lycra) that clings to the body shall be worn as outerwear or pants (i.e. jeggings, leggings, tights, yoga pants, biking attire, or exercise garments).
- Shirts - no spaghetti straps, low-cut, see-through, or revealing shirts.
- Skirts/Dresses must be knee length or longer.
- Shorts are not to be worn in the classroom during school hours. Outside of school hours shorts should be longer than your fingertips and neither too tight nor oversized.

VISION/MISSION/BELIEFS

- Vision Statement
 - **“Change a Generation”** of children through a biblically based, bi-lingual education.
- Mission Statement
 - We will educate, equip and empower children to reach their greatest potential by providing a safe and holistic learning environment that incorporates health, individual responsibility, and social and moral values.
- Beliefs
 - We believe all children are well prepared to learn and succeed.
 - We believe children should be problem solvers prepared for the jobs of the future.
 - We believe learning should include social and community responsibility.
 - We believe educators have a responsibility to ensure each child succeeds.
 - We believe in providing support for parents and families to participate in their child’s education.
 - We believe in supporting our teachers with professional development and competitive salaries.
 - We believe in helping all children achieve their post graduate goals: work, trade or college.
 - We believe in measuring every child individually to ensure each child’s learning needs are met.
 - We believe in caring for students through quality learning, counseling, guidance and nutrition.
 - We believe education should include moral values and biblically based instruction.
 - We believe the gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God bringing salvation to all who believe.
 - We believe all who receive Jesus Christ and believe in Him have the right to be children of God.
 - We believe the Holy Bible is the inspired, literal Word of God and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness.

FURLOW GUIDELINES

- Death in the family – PCA understands these situations may occur. In the event, two weeks of emergency furlough is automatically approved.
- Planned Furlough – As long as advanced notice of one month is provided, one planned furlough of up to two weeks per 6 months of volunteering is acceptable and highly recommended. It is optional to use furlough for your 90-day visa renewals if necessary.
- Required Furlough – At the end of serving one year at PCA, it is required for you to return home, during the month of December, for a minimum of 2 weeks in order to rest, build your support relationships and enjoy time with family.