

Questions to Consider

Agency Information

1. What is the history/mission of the organization? Is it compatible with your own ideals, interests and aspirations?
2. Will you be required to do fundraising for the organization?
3. Are they willing to put you in contact with former volunteers?
4. What happens if you can't complete your term – what are the policies?

Financial

1. Is loan deferment available if I have student loans?
2. Is room and board included?
3. Is there a stipend offered, if so how much?
4. Is a simple lifestyle (living on a minimal amount of money) an *option* or *required* in the program?

Health

1. Is health insurance provided for volunteers?
2. Is there a deductible, how much?
3. Does the program fund prescription medication?
4. Does the program fund pre-trip vaccinations?
5. Is there access to medical care at the placement site? If so, what kind?

Community/Interpersonal

1. Is there an orientation at the beginning of the program? Where? How long?
2. Is there a re-entry/re-orientation session at the end of the program? Where? How long?
3. Is there a support system at or near the placement sites?
4. Do volunteers live together, alone or with host families? Do I have to find my own housing?
5. Is language training necessary? Is it provided for volunteers?
6. What kind of staff supervision/mentoring is provided? Is on-going training and support available at the job site?

Transportation

1. Does the program pay for transportation to and from the service site?
2. Does the program pay for transportation to orientation/re-entry programs?
3. Does the program pay for VISA fees?
4. Is travel possible during the service term, if so what support does the program offer?
5. Am I allowed to drive a vehicle at the placement site?
6. Can I bring my own vehicle? Who covers daily travel expenses, repairs, insurance?

Education

1. Is an education award/grant available at the end of my year of service?
2. Does the program offer graduate school classes or credit towards a graduate degree?

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