

2018 Librarians Without Borders Guatemala Service Trip Volunteer Application Questions

Successful applicants will travel to Guatemala to volunteer at the Miguel Angel Asturias Academy in Quetzaltenango ("Xela"), Guatemala from Friday April 20 to Sunday April 29, 2018. Work at the Academy will include collection management activities (acquisitions, cataloguing, and processing), developing literacy-based programming for school-age children and delivering professional development programs to teaching staff. LWB works with Asturias to also provide opportunities for participants to engage in activities that will help nurture a comprehensive understanding of libraries, education, and culture in Guatemala. This highly immersive experience builds understanding of Guatemalan culture in order to deliver exceptional library service.

Please note: you are required to submit your answers using the [online application](#).

The application deadline: **January 26, 2018.**

For more information, visit www.lwb-online.org

Statement of Intent

This section requires you to create a video of yourself (not exceeding 3 minutes) that addresses the questions below. In the response line, provide a link to a video-sharing website that hosts your video. Some examples include YouTube, FlickrR, Vimeo, Google Drive, or you may email the video to servicetrip2018@lwb-online.org.

- (1) Why are you interested in volunteering for LWB?
- (2) Why is the Guatemala Service Trip meaningful to you?
- (3) Summarize any relevant qualifications and experience that makes you an ideal candidate for this project.

Note: if you have difficulties fulfilling this requirement, please contact servicetrip2018@lwb-online.org

Teamwork and Flexibility

Describe a situation where you demonstrated good teamwork, adaptability and flexibility.

Library Work/Volunteer Experience

Tell us about your previous library work or volunteer experience. Check all that apply.

- Cataloguing
- Information literacy
- School libraries
- Public libraries

- Materials processing
- Programming for children
- Training for adults/teachers
- Teaching English
- Social Media and Blogging
- Other (explain below)

Spanish Language Skills

- (1) Summarize your Spanish language skills and then
- (2) Rate your written, spoken, reading on a scale of 1-5 using the IRL system (see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ILR_scale).

Travel Experience

Summarize your experience in travelling abroad, including any work or travelling experience in Spanish-speaking countries (200 words max).

Health

There will be both physical (e.g. lifting books, climbing stairs, walking/touring, hiking) and mental (e.g. room-sharing and agenda changes) demands on trip participants. Please carefully consider and comment upon your ability to travel and work in this environment.

- (1) Rate your level of physical fitness on a scale of 1 – 10 (1 = extremely unfit, 10 = extremely fit).
- (2) Rate your level of mental wellness and adaptability on a scale of 1-10 (1=extremely unwell, 10 = extremely well).

Resume or Curriculum Vitae

Please attach a resume or CV that summarizes your work/volunteer experience and interests. Please upload as a PDF.

References

Please submit two professional contacts. Acceptable contacts include professors, directors/managers, supervisors, and/or colleagues (current or former). For each contact please provide: name, employer, position title, phone number and email.

- (1)
- (2)

Showcase your Library Skills (optional)

Feel free to upload a single document that gives us evidence of your library skills. This may include, but is not limited to; a highly effective program plan that you delivered, a successful grant application that you wrote, a training program that you planned, a resource or toolkit you developed, a cataloguing project, a presentation, a published article or essay.

Note: this section is optional.

Volunteer Expectations

All trip participants are required to attend several meetings prior to departure, in order to receive training and briefings on trip projects.

- By checking the box below, you understand and agree to attend all online meetings and trainings prior to the trip.

Agreement and Signature

(1) Include your full name, email address and telephone number.

(2) Upload your electronic signature (.bmp, .gif, .jpg, or .png).

(3) Enter the date in which you submit your application.

Our Policy

It is the policy of this organization to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, colour, religion, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age, or disability. Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in volunteering with us.

Successful applicants will be notified by email before **February 6, 2018**.

Application Submission Details

Please submit your answers using the [online application](#). You will need a Google Account in order to access the form. Should you have any questions about the application process, please contact servicetrip2018@lwb-online.org