

2019 Librarians Without Borders, Guatemala Service Trip. VOLUNTEER APPLICATION.

The official application form for Librarians Without Borders.

Successful applicants will travel to Guatemala to volunteer at the Miguel Angel Asturias Academy in Quetzaltenango ("Xela"), Guatemala from Friday April 26 to Sunday May 5, 2019. Work at the Academy will include collection management activities (acquisitions, cataloguing, and processing) and delivering literacy-based programming for school-age children. 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.

Application deadline: February 4, 2019.

Please download the PDF version of this application before adding your responses to this form.

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

***Required**

1. Email address *

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 servicetrip2019@lwb-online.org.

Note: if you have difficulties fulfilling this requirement, please contact servicetrip2019@lwb-online.org.

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

Teamwork and Flexibility

(100-300 words)

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

Library Work/Volunteer Experience**4. Check all that apply ****Tick all that apply.*

- ☐ Cataloguing
- ☐ Information Literacy
- ☐ School Libraries
- ☐ Public Libraries
- ☐ Materials Processing
- ☐ Programming for Children
- ☐ Training for Adults/Teachers
- ☐ Teaching English
- ☐ Social media or Blogging
- ☐ Other: _____

Library Work/Volunteer Experience

(200 words max)

5. Please summarize your library work/volunteer experience highlighted in the previous question. *

Spanish Language Skills

These include communicative skills: oral expression, listening comprehension, reading and writing skills.

6. Summarize your Spanish language skills *

7. Using the ILR scale, rate your Spanish language skills. To understand how to rate yourself, please visit https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/ILR_scale *

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
No proficiency	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Native or bilingual proficiency

Travel Experience

(200 words max)

8. Summarize your experience in travelling abroad, including any work or travelling experience in Spanish-speaking countries. *

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.

9. Rate your level of physical fitness on a scale of 1-10. *

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Extremely unfit	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Extremely fit

10. Rate your level of mental fitness on a scale of 1-10. *

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Extremely unwell	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Extremely well

Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV)

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

Files submitted:

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.

12. Reference #1 *

13. Reference #2 *

Volunteer expectations

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

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

Tick all that apply.

☐ Yes, I agree to this requirement.

Agreement and Signature

15. Please include your full name, email address and telephone number. *

16. Please upload your electronic signature (.bmp, .gif, .jpg, or .png). *

Files submitted:

17. Please enter the date in which you submit your application. *

Example: 15 December 2012

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 by February 15, 2019.

☐ Send me a copy of my responses.

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