



VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

2007-2008 Program

*PLEASE REFER TO THE “COVER AFRICA PROGRAM INFORMATION” FOR MORE

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APPLICATION

“But the poor person does not exist as an inescapable fact of destiny. His or her existence is not politically neutral, and it is not ethically innocent. The poor are a by-product of the system in which we live and for which we are responsible. They are marginalized by our social and cultural world. They are the oppressed, exploited proletariat, robbed of the fruit of their labor and despoiled of their humanity. Hence the poverty of the poor is not a call to generous relief action, but a demand that we go and build a different social order.”

-Gustavo Gutierrez, *The Power of the Poor in History*

Fast Facts:

- Options and dates:
 1. Winter Sessions:
 - a. Session I: December 18th – January 3rd
 - b. Session II : January 3rd- January 18th
 - c. Volunteers should arrive in Accra on the first date specified and will depart from Accra or travel on the end date.
 - d. There will be five volunteers chosen for each session.
- Fundraising requirement to support GHEI:
 1. Winter sessions: \$1,000 (\$300 by Oct 1st, 2007)
 2. Additional donations will be made for the purchase of bed nets.
 3. Participants can also bring donations for the village, as they are able. A list of needed items will be provided at a later time.
- Class component:
 1. There will be a seminar class which will meet once a week starting the first week of October and continuing into the last week of March. Attendance and reflection papers will be required, therefore you must a Cornell Student for the entire year next year to apply.
- Application timeline: Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis starting on September 1, 2007. After your completed application is received you will be contacted to set up an interview. If you are offered a position you will have 7 days to accept it by sending in a non-refundable \$300 deposit and waiver form. The remaining fee is due no later than one month prior to your departure. Please understand that the \$300 deposit is your responsibility, however we will be doing a great deal of fundraising in an attempt to diminish the personal cost of the trip. Please do not be discouraged from applying for financial reasons.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Website: www.ghei.org

And coming soon: www.rso.cornell.edu/coverafrica

Questions:

Please feel free to contact Shoshana Aleinikoff, sca25@cornell.edu at any time with any question.

Ghana Health and Education Initiative
Serve and Learn Volunteer Program Application

Rolling application deadline- program may fill quickly! Applications will be reviewed starting September 1, 2007.

To apply, send the following items to Shoshana Aleinikoff at Shoshana.Aleinikoff@gmail.com with your name and the word "Application" in the subject line:

1. Application form
2. Resume/CV

Section I: Project Selection

Which session(s) are you applying for? If you are applying for more than one, please state your preference. (Understand that volunteering for either sessions will increase the number of positions available for your application to be considered for)

Section II: Contact Information

Name:

Age:

Sex:

Phone number(s):

Email address:

Mailing address:

Emergency contact information:

Section III: Short Answers (please limit answers to 3 sentences)

1. School, major and year.
2. Have you been involved with Cover Africa at Cornell University?
3. Have you ever been to a developing country before? Please list all and briefly describe your experience.
4. How would you be an asset to the team?

Section IV: Short Essays (please limit to ½ page each)

1. Why does this program appeal to you?
2. How will this class and trip further your academic pursuit at Cornell or your career goals?
3. Do you feel that you could work independently in a rural village in Africa? Support your answer with examples from your leadership and travel experience.
4. If you could accomplish three things on this trip, what would they be and generally how do you hope to accomplish them?