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Dear prospective volunteer,

Youth For Understanding (YFU) International Exchange would like to thank you for your interest in our organization. We look forward to having you join our team of enthusiastic and devoted volunteers and staff members.

YFU was founded in 1951 by Dr. Rachel Andresen. Today more than 260,000 students have taken part in our student exchange program across the globe. YFU Canada has been continually growing since 1991, and the interest for our work continues to develop around Canada. This enables us to host more international students and send more Canadian students to other countries, but it also offers many new challenges. YFU is a volunteer-based organization and without people like yourself it would be difficult for us to accomplish our goals. Enclosed is information on the various volunteer positions that are available within our YFU Student Exchange Program, along with a volunteer application. Please keep in mind that tasks, projects and roles are always changing, and that we would still like to hear from you if you feel that you can contribute with something that is not listed among the current positions.

When we receive your completed application, we will put you in touch with a YFU representative who will talk to you in more detail about the YFU program. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please call (519) 653-0550 or 1-877-516-9111 to reach the YFU Canada office during regular business hours. Please also check out our website, www.yfu.ca, and connect with YFU Canada on Facebook.

We hope you will feel rewarded by giving your valuable time and talents to YFU and its exchange students. We look forward to hearing from you,

YFU Canada



VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

General Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Fax Number: _____

Work Phone: _____ May we call you at work? Yes No

E-mail: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Place of birth: _____ Employer: _____

Occupation: _____

Volunteering Information

1. Because we are a volunteer-based organization, it is helpful to know how you found out about us:
(Please check all that apply)

From a YFU Volunteer: (Name - Optional): _____

From a YFU Alumnus: (Name - Optional): _____

From a Hosting Experience (when?): _____

As a YFU Alumnus (when/where?): _____

Other: _____

2. Why are you interested in volunteering with YFU?

3. From your understanding of YFU, please describe the skills and experiences you have that would be helpful to YFU. (e.g. experience with teens, families, travel, international experience, etc.)

4. What other volunteer experience have you had (organizations, duties and length of service)?
Organization: Duties: Length of Service:

5. Have you volunteered before (not necessarily for YFU)? Yes No
If yes, what do you consider to be your greatest volunteering experience and/or success?

6. How could your work skills contribute to YFU?

7. There are many ways to volunteer for YFU. Please check those areas of interest to you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Recruiting host families | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning and conducting orientations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interviewing host families | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising for scholarships |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interviewing participants | <input type="checkbox"/> Working with school personnel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making presentations at local high schools
and community groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Working with and following up with
applicants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attending fairs as an exhibitor | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing and Social Media Web |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Promoting YFU to the media | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning and supporting alumni social
networking activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Problem solving with students and host
families | <input type="checkbox"/> Providing administrative support at the YFU
office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Providing airport support for students | <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting an international Exchange Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning and coordinating enrichment
activities | |

8. If you have any work or volunteer experience in these areas, please explain:



9. How much time would be interested in volunteering for YFU?

- ____Hours per week / month / year (please circle which applies)
- on: Weekdays / Week nights / Weekends (please circle which applies)
- Best time to reach you: Morning /Afternoon / Evening (please circle which applies)

Personal Disclosure

Because YFU works with teenagers and families, we must ask you the following question in order to consider your application:

10. Have you ever been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty to a felony or misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

References

11. Do we have your permission to complete a personal background check? Yes No

12. Please list three persons you've known for two or more years (Name/Address/Phone) who are not relatives and would be willing to serve as references for you.

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

Certificate and Authorization

I hereby certify that all of the information provided in this application, including attachments, is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I hereby authorize the references listed above, and any and all individuals and entities contacted by YFU Canada or its representatives for information about me, to disclose such information to YFU Canada. I authorize YFU Canada to obtain information about me from all sources, including but not limited to, my references listed above, and the search of court or police records. I understand that the information obtained will be considered in determining my suitability as a volunteer. Completion of this application does not confirm acceptance as a YFU Volunteer.

If you have a recent resume, please attach it to these forms.

Please sign and return to the address/email address shown on the first page.

Signature: _____ Date: _____