



FRANCISCAN VOLUNTEER MINISTRY

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APPLICATION

Please complete the following questions and return your completed application to the FVM Office. Please type or print in black ink.

Name _____
Last First Middle

Present Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Email Address _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Gender ____ Social Security Number ____-____-____

Drivers License: **Y / N** If yes, has it ever been suspended, and if so, why?

Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

Phone (_____) _____ Phone (_____) _____

Names & Ages of Siblings:

EDUCATION: Beginning with the most recent, list all schools attended.

<i>Name of school</i>	<i>City, State</i>	<i>Major/ Minor</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Diploma, Degree Certificate & Date</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE: List jobs held, including military service, starting with your most recent.

<i>Occupation - Describe</i>	<i>Employer</i>	<i>Dates: From - To</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

1. Have you ever been terminated or suspended from employment or volunteer work? **Y/N**
If yes, state reason for termination. _____

2. Do you speak a language(s) other than English? **Y / N** If yes, state the language(s) and your proficiency.

3. Have you had any significant experience with people of nationalities or cultures other than your own? **Y / N** Please explain. Include travel or life overseas, experience in community living, working with migrants, inner-city living or working, etc....

4. What other experiences or talents do you have which you would consider valuable and useful?

5. List some of your leisure activities and hobbies.

6. Have you been enrolled in or applied to a seminary, religious community or similar institution? **Y / N** If yes, please give:

Name and Location *Dates* *Reason for leaving or not joining*

7. Do you currently have an application pending with another volunteer agency? **Y / N**
If yes, give the name of group(s) and present status with each:

8. Are there any medical conditions which might affect your service or place of assignment? **Y / N** If yes, please detail any physical disabilities, chronic illnesses, special medications, allergies, restrictions, etc.

9. Are there any family, personal or financial obligations that might inhibit your offering a year of service with the Franciscan Volunteer Ministry? **Y / N** If yes, please explain.

10. Are you willing to make a one year commitment beginning in August? _____

11. Using the *Site Descriptions* page, please list the ministry sites in order of your preference (1=1st choice) and explain your choices.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, CONTACT:

Name _____ (or) Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Phone (____) _____

Relationship _____ Relationship _____

GENERAL MINISTRY PREFERENCE: Please mark your general area(s) of preference.

- Soup Kitchen ___ Migrant Ministry ___ Community Organizing ___
- Youth Ministry ___ Tutoring/Mentoring ___ Teaching ___ Social Outreach ___
- Elderly Ministry ___ Food Distribution ___ Parish in a Poor Area ___
- Prison Ministry ___ Meal Preparation ___ Religious Education ___ Counseling ___
- Coaching ___ HIV/AIDS Ministry ___ Clothing Distribution ___ Recreation ___

REFERENCES: Please list the four people whom you have asked to be your references. These people should currently know you well and be able to evaluate your ability to work and grow in the Franciscan Volunteer Ministry. Include different types of people: a teacher, an employer, a peer or friend, and a spiritual reference. Do not include relatives.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address & Phone #</i> <i>(street, city, state, zip)</i>	<i>Relationship</i>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

PHOTO: Please enclose a recent photo to help us get to know you and for identification purposes. It is a great aid in helping us to remember an applicant.

Signature Date

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please attach an essay about yourself. Your essay will help us get to know you better, so please address the following points thoroughly. We ask that you use examples and explanations as much as possible. Please type your essay; it should be about 8 - 10 pages long.

1. What are your reasons for wanting to become a Franciscan Volunteer Minister? Describe experiences that have led you to this choice. What do you hope to accomplish and what do you want to gain?
2. Franciscan Volunteer Ministers live in community, sharing household chores, meals, celebrations, liturgies, prayer and more. What are your expectations and apprehensions of living in community?
3. How would you describe your personal faith journey and how has it led you to apply to the Franciscan Volunteer Ministry?
4. What is the role of personal and communal prayer in your life and what are your expectations for personal and communal prayer in the Franciscan Volunteer Ministry?
5. St. Francis was committed to simple living and living in solidarity with the poor. What does simple living mean to you? How does a simple lifestyle relate to your service with the poor? What changes in your lifestyle will you need to make in order to live simply, and how do you envision making those changes living on a small monthly stipend?
6. What do you most enjoy about interacting with other people and what is most difficult for you in forming relationships with others?
7. How do you deal with conflict between you and another person? Give an example.
8. How do you deal with difficult situations or decisions? Do you talk with other people, pray, journal, etc.? Explain.
9. Have there been any significant changes, events, or transitions in your family and in your life that may have shaped you?
10. Please add any other information you think would help us get to know you.