



Application Instructions

Requirements

- You don't need a specific degree or professional experience to apply.
- You must be available to offer God and those who are most abandoned at least 14 months (and up to two years) of service.
- You must be in good mental and physical health.
- You are ready to live an intense prayer life including daily Eucharist and adoration, rosary, morning and evening prayer.
- You are ready to enter into communal life with 3 or 4 other volunteers from various cultures, and backgrounds.
- You are ready to generate a network of compassion by fundraising \$700 for each month you commit to mission.

Application Process

We, the Heart's Home community, consider this application process a time of discernment for both you, as a potential volunteer, and us, as a community, which involves a number of steps along the way. We encourage you to entrust yourself and your application to God in prayer.

We receive applications on a rolling basis throughout the year.

What does the application process involve?

- ✓ Getting to know you!
 - a. A phone interview
Since we do not have the possibility to meet each applicant in person, this phone interview is an essential part of our discernment.
 - b. A paper application
The application packet can be downloaded and printed here: www.heartshomeusa.org.
Materials should be completed and signed then mailed to
Natalia Fassano, 108 St Edwards Street, Brooklyn, NY 11205.

Note: The last part of this form needs to be completed by three different references. These should include 1) one of your teachers or somebody who has known you in your studies; 2) one of your employers or someone who has known you in a volunteer experience and 3) your spiritual director or your priest or pastor. Please provide a stamped envelope, addressed to Heart's Home USA to each reference person and ask that they send the completed form directly to us. Upon receiving all three forms, Heart's Home will notify you at the address you provide below as to the status of your application file.



- c. An on-site discernment time (Come and See Weekend) - See below
- ✓ Getting to know us!
- a. A phone interview
This is also an important part of your discernment, and the time to ask your questions about a mission with Heart's Home.
 - b. Contacting former volunteers
We encourage you to contact previous Heart's Home volunteers about their experience in mission! Email us at info@heartshomeusa.org to put you in touch directly with a former volunteer.
 - c. An on-site discernment time (Come and See Weekend)
Once a group of applicants has been gathered, we invite you all to spend the weekend living in mission with our Heart's Home community in Brooklyn: living, praying and serving together in New York City. At the end of the weekend, we will let you know if we believe a Heart's Home mission to be the right fit for you, and whether or not we will send you on mission.
- After your Come and See Weekend, we expect to receive your Discernment Result form within two weeks.
- ✓ If you decide not to volunteer with Heart's Home, we are grateful to have been part of your discernment of where God might be calling you, and will continue to keep you in prayer.
- ✓ If you decide to volunteer with Heart's Home, welcome! What's next?
- a. We let you know after receiving your Discernment Result which country you will be sent to and you will be able to start learning the language and knowing more about the culture.
 - b. You will be expected to find spiritual and financial sponsors for the whole of your mission. We will offer you all the support you need when the time
 - c. You will be invited to a two-week orientation in New York before your mission begins.



Heart's Home USA

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Tel: (1) 718 522 2121

www.heartshomeusa.org

Mailing Address:

Street

City State/Prov. Zip/PC Country

Permanent Address: (If different from above)

Street

City State/Prov. Zip/PC Country

Phone: Home _____ Cell/Work _____

Email: _____ Facebook: _____

Blog: _____ Skype: _____

Citizenship status:

(If not a citizen of the United States, please indicate visa type; indicate if dual citizenship):

Time you plan to spend in mission (14 months/18 months/2years):

When will you be available to start?

Do you have any preference of country and why?

What is your first language?

What other languages do you speak?

Special skills:

How did you hear about Heart's Home?



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Volunteer or Work experience

Position	Organization	Location	Dates

Education

Field or Major	School	Location	Dates

International Travel Experiences

Activity	Purpose	Location	Dates



Do you have any major health problems/concerns?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Do you have any dietary restrictions?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Have you ever had any counseling or psychiatric treatment?

Yes No

If yes, please explain, if you wish:



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Essay Questions

Thoughtfully answering the following questions will assist us in discerning your call to serve with Heart's Home.

1. What motivates you to volunteer with Heart's Home?
2. What experiences have you had in other countries or with people of different nationalities or cultures? What challenges and difficulties do you expect to encounter living in a foreign culture with a different set of values?
3. What is the importance of prayer and of the sacraments in your life?
4. What is your idea of communal life? Describe any experiences you have had living in community?
5. What type of unforeseen problems, difficult challenges or stressful situations have you experienced in your life? How did you handle them?
6. What are your plans after volunteering?



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Disclosure Statement

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Social Security Number _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime of violence? (If yes, attach explanation) YES ___ NO ___

Have you ever been convicted of crime against a person? (If yes, attach explanation) YES ___ NO ___

Have you ever been asked to resign from any position involving the supervision of minors? (If yes, attach explanation) YES ___ NO ___

I understand that:

Heart's Home USA is committed to providing children and families with a service that is safe and beneficial, and that in keeping with this effort, Heart's Home USA will perform a reasonable screening or background check on its volunteers.

Heart's Home USA may deny acceptance to any person who has been convicted of a crime of violence or a crime against a person, although answering yes to such questions will not necessarily result in such denial.

The information that I have provided on my application is subject to verification, which may include a check for criminal history and/or checks with appropriate governmental agencies, and that falsification of information on this form will result in my application being rejected.

I authorize the release of records pertaining to any criminal and domestic abuse history to Heart's Home USA. This authorization is given in connection with a background investigation which may be conducted relative to my application. I further understand that the sources of confidential information cannot be revealed to me in any event. Finally, I agree that Heart's Home USA and all relevant agents are free from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses arising out of or by reason of complying with the request.

I certify that the above information is true and accurate.

Signature

Printed Name

Date





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Recommendation Form

Heart's Home is a catholic volunteer program which seeks volunteers who reach out to the lonely and regularly visit people in their local community, orphanages, jails, shelters, and nursing homes. They welcome anyone knocking at the door and organize a wide range of cultural and educational activities. They act as a link between the people in need and the appropriate resources such as public assistance and rehabilitation centers. Standing at the foot of the Crucified Jesus with Mary and John, they are called to be imitators of their compassion and to intercede for humankind (www.heartshomeusa.org).

In this process, we seek to act responsibly toward both the mission of the organization as well as to the applicants. Therefore, we consider seriously the level of sincerity and maturity of the applicants, as well as their reasons for choosing Heart's Home. Based on your knowledge of the applicant, please answer the following questions and send this completed form to the address below. Thank you for your time and effort in filling out this recommendation. Your responses will greatly assist us in our selection process.

Applicant's Name: _____

Your name: _____

Phone:

Home

Cell/Work

Email: _____



5. Please briefly describe any of the applicant's most notable weaknesses.

6. Overall how would you rate the applicant?

Recommend without hesitation
 Strongly recommend

Recommend with reservation
 Withhold recommendation

7. Do you have any further comments?

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Or email: Natalia@heartshomeusa.org**



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