

2010 Application Instructions

Your ICCP application form serves two purposes. First, it is your application to become a part of the YMCA's

International Camp Counselor Program; therefore, it is your opportunity to convince ICCP that you have the maturity, responsibility, and appropriate motivation to fully participate on a cultural exchange program.

Secondly, this form serves a job application for a position at a U.S. summer camp. As such, the neatness, wording, general presentation of the application and supporting materials play an important role in convincing a camp director that you will be an asset to the summer staff.

The information on your application is used to prepare your visa documents. Please make sure the information is accurate.

Personal Information:

Please fill in your name, sex, city of birth, country of birth, resident of, citizen of, date of birth and age as they appear on your passport. The information you provide will appear on your visa documents; mistakes are costly! Reprints of the DS-2019 form will be issued at a \$75.00 U.S. fee.

Please select the earliest date of availability and date due home between May 1st and June 18th. Note: **you must be available for a minimum of 10 weeks work**. Preference is given to applicants who can arrive early and/or stay until the end of August. ICCP will notify applicants of their actual arrival date.

Contact Information:

Please use an address, telephone number and e-mail address that are current as ICCP and camp directors will be contacting you between December and June (be prepared to do your best). **DO NOT USE A POST OFFICE BOX**. If your address, telephone number, or emails address change, please inform your recruiter immediately.

Passport Picture:

Your picture tells a camp director a lot about you. Don't forget to SMILE!

Skills:

Do not be modest; do be honest. Select those skills that you are strongest in. Most camp directors are looking for participants that can teach activities. Check the appropriate boxes, and list all current certifications (*Proof you have taken and passed a course or training*). **Select your top 5 skills (highest to lowest); you must describe them in 50 words or more**. When describing your skills, please include details such as, how long you have been doing that skill, if you are a member of a club, if you have teaching experience, who you have taught, etc. The more detailed information you submit helps camp directors make hiring decisions! Also be prepared to discuss these top skills with you recruiter, during your interview.

Camp & Job Preference for Camp Counselors:

Please check all types of camps you are willing to accept. Please note that all camps are resident except for Day Camps. This means that you will live on the camp premises. Camp directors look for highly flexible individuals motivated to work with **diverse population groups (underprivileged, religious, mentally and physically challenged adults or children campers)**. Applicants, who include specialized camps in their selection, broaden their possibilities for placement. Be aware that previous experience is not a requirement to work at a Special Needs camp, caring for others is!

Support staff applicants: (Office, kitchen, Maintenance, etc)

Support Staff will be placed at any Camp/Host Site. Please note that you must be a student (on the official school break) to apply for a support staff position. You must complete the Proof of Student Status Form and have it signed and stamped by your University. **Student ID is not acceptable.** Maintenance staff will be expected to clean toilets in most camp.

Summer Camp / Leadership:

Describe your experiences working with children, how you will share your culture and what leadership/volunteer positions you have held. Camp directors will use these sections to learn more about you and your personality.

Education:

Please accurately describe your education or employment status.

Personal Attributes / Personal Values / Personal Background:

This section gives you a chance to talk about yourself and your values. Please answer every question. Qualities may include: Sociable, Mature, Trustworthy, responsible, hardworking. Please indicate your denomination, Christian, Catholic, Jewish, other. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Interview Report:

YOUR RECRUITER WILL COMPLETE IT FOR YOU. Be prepared to discuss your top skills during your interview.

The following documents must be submitted in English or with translation

References:

All ICCP applicants must submit two references from university professors, religious/community leaders or employers. References from family members, relatives or friends are NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Health History:

Please complete the Participants Section and then take it to a licensed physician who must complete the rest of this report. Applications missing the health history report will not be accepted. Please indicate physical illness or conditions, which may affect your participation at camp, any allergies or special dietary needs.

Agreement:

Please read the agreement very carefully, confirm the recruiter fee and stipend with your recruiter before signing. Your signature confirms your acceptance and commitment to the terms and conditions of the agreement. ICCP participants commit to a minimum of 10 weeks work

(including camp training) or to the end of camp which ever comes first to be eligible for stipend (determined by ICCP) which is paid directly to participants by the camp.

Police Background Check:

All applicants must submit documentation from their local police attesting that a background check has been done and that the applicant has not committed any crimes.

Certificates, Photos and Attachments:

If you have relevant certifications or photos that will strengthen your application, please add them to the application. Please include your full name on each additional item attached.

Scholarship:

It is the mission of the YMCA to assist persons who might be excluded from privately offered programs and services due to financial limitations. Financial Assistance funds are available allocated from funds raised by YMCA volunteers through the annual current support campaign. To apply for Financial Assistance you must fill out the application form (available from your recruiter) and submit to your recruiter once you are accepted in the program.