

JESUS KIDS STARS FOUNDATION

"Giving hope to the forgotten ones"



APPLICATION TO VOLUNTEER WITH JESUS KIDS STARS FOUNDATION

Creating sustainable change in under-served communities

BoHU Volunteers/Interns are typically **enthusiastic, hard-working, self-motivated and proactive** people who are able to work under their own initiative **and** as part of a team. They do not replace or take jobs away from local Ugandans – they **assist** them with the various projects running in the area around Mukono and other districts where we work. BoHU volunteers are also realists – they know they won't change Uganda, but they hope they will make a difference to the lives of some of the local people. If this describes you, then we'd welcome an application from you.

BEFORE YOU COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT NOTES

Costs: Please make sure that you know how much it will cost you to join our volunteer program. Full details can be found in the Volunteering section of our website under the heading Costs. In summary, you will pay a non-refundable deposit of **USD\$100** to secure your place on the program, and this is payable immediately on acceptance onto the program and **USD\$85** for the airport pick once you arrive in Uganda.

Then an additional amount, which is **USD\$200** one week, **USD\$300** for two weeks, **USD\$400** for three weeks and **USD\$500** for four weeks (for food, accommodation, laundry, electricity and domestic water), should be paid in full upon arrival in Uganda.

Our **Refund Policy** is as follows:

Refund Policy: The deposit of **US\$100** is non-refundable. As it is very difficult for us to fill volunteer places at short notice if someone cancels prior to starting their placement or leaves the program early, we require a 12-week notice period, and we can only refund any money already paid in excess of 12 weeks from cancellation of, or departure from, the volunteer placement. For example, if your placement is for 24 weeks and you decide to leave after eight weeks, you would be entitled to a refund equivalent to the cost of the last four weeks of your placement period (i.e. placement length of 24 weeks minus 8 weeks spent with us minus 12 weeks notice period = 4 weeks).

Please remember that nearly all of the money you pay for your placement goes directly towards running our charitable projects in Uganda. Refunds may be paid in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Directors of **Jesus Kids Stars Foundation Uganda**.

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Placement Availability: Please note that we may not be able to accommodate you for your preferred dates. This is because we can only take a maximum of 16-20 people at one time, and the places fill up quickly. If possible, we will offer you alternative dates.

Starting Your Placement: It often takes our volunteers some time to settle into life in Uganda. You must be prepared to be patient as the pace of life in Uganda is much slower than you will be used to. Please also remember to ask if you want any additional information from the managers at project site.

Short Stays: Realistically, you will not be able to achieve a tremendous amount during a short stay, but you will be able to get involved with some projects. Your stay will also give you the benefit of experiencing life in rural areas of Uganda.

Volunteer Program: Unlike many volunteering operations, our volunteer program is not rigidly structured. It is really up to you what you become involved with when you reach Uganda. The local community has so many needs that we find it is better all round if volunteers find their 'niche' once they reach Jesus Kids Centre and have had time to talk to the other volunteers, the Coordinators, and our Managers, and also have been able to have a good look at the general area, the primary schools, the nursery schools, the health centre, administrative tasks etc.

The vast majority of our volunteers have the time of their lives, but a few have found it difficult to become fully involved. You will get the most out of the program by being enthusiastic, resourceful and imaginative – and it's important to remember that you will get out of it what you put in.

Volunteering Information: Please make sure you have read **all** the information in the Volunteering section of our website so that you understand fully your role as a JESUS KID STARS volunteer. We can also send you additional information and guidelines on how to get most out of your placement and stories of past volunteers who have worked with us on various projects.

Christmas and New Year: Please note that the period between Christmas and New Year in Uganda is very quiet – the schools are closed (see next paragraph) and most people in Uganda are on holiday. In the past, volunteers with placements running over this period have taken the opportunity to take a trip to Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, and Burundi or further afield. Therefore, please be aware that there may not be many volunteers at JESUS KIDS STARS CENTRE if you arrive over the Christmas and New Year period.

Term Dates and School Holidays: School terms vary annually but are likely to be: Feb 1 to April 15, May 20 to August 20, Sept 20 to November 30

If you are volunteering as a teaching assistant and your placement period includes one or more of the term breaks, please be aware that there may be less or no work to do at the primary and secondary schools, although, in the past, volunteers have organised additional clubs and classes during the holidays. We suggest that term breaks are the best time to arrange any trips you might want to take.

Primary school students in Standard 7 leave school after taking their Primary School Leaving Certificate examinations, but they will be attending lessons during the term breaks after Terms 1 and 2.

At least three of the **nursery schools** will be open year round as we ensure that their holidays are staggered.

Please complete this form as fully as possible. We want to know all about you — who you are, what makes you tick, what your dreams are, and what your passions are. Be creative — please don't write a CV!

Caring for those in need through capacity building- hence creating sustainable change in under-served communities

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Date of Application					
Please indicate which area(s) of the work BoHU is doing in Uganda you would prefer to become involved with (e.g. teaching assistant [nursery schools, primary school, and secondary school], healthcare assistant, the environmental project, youth projects, administrative, crafts or a mixture).	Health professionals: Please note that we will need photocopies or scanned copies of your qualifications.				
Name					
Address					
Country					
Nationality					
Phone Number					
E-mail					
Volunteers find it useful to be put in contact with past, present or future volunteers prior to the start of their placement. Do we have your permission to pass on your e-mail address to other volunteers? Yes or No					
Date of Birth		Gender		Age	
Ideal dates for volunteering at BoHU.	Start			Preferred number of weeks	
	Finish				
How flexible are you regarding these dates?					
Reason(s) for wanting to volunteer					
Previous education, employment and work/travel					
Experience overseas					

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Personal interests	
Future plans	
What are your strengths?	
What are your weaknesses?	
Why do you think you will make a good volunteer?	
Based on the information you have read on the BoHU website, plus the orientation guides and other documents, how in particular do you think that you could proactively contribute to the community development in Uganda by volunteering with BoHU? (Proactive, “ideas” type people tend to get the most benefit from the volunteering program.)	
Emergency contact details (name, address, phone number, e-mail address)	
We may need to take up references. Therefore, please give the name, address and e-mail of referee. This must be someone who has known you for at least five years and who is not a member of your immediate family. It would also be helpful to know your relationship with your referee (for example, a family friend, a work colleague, or someone you were friends with at college/university).	
Any other information	