

# Farm of the Child Volunteer Application

DUE DATE: January 15, 2009

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Current address (until \_\_\_\_\_)      Permanent address

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Tel \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_      Tel \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_      Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Marital status \_\_\_\_\_      # of years married \_\_\_\_\_

# of children \_\_\_\_\_      Children's ages \_\_\_\_\_

Religious denomination \_\_\_\_\_      Desired starting date \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer job preference:**

administration       maintenance supervisor       teacher  
 finance/accounting       social work       vocational programs  
 adolescent home parent       community outreach       health care       other (\_\_\_\_\_)

Do you speak Spanish?    No \_\_\_\_\_    Un poco \_\_\_\_\_    O.K. \_\_\_\_\_    Fluently \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak other languages? \_\_\_\_\_    O.K. \_\_\_\_\_    Fluently \_\_\_\_\_

Skills and Hobbies (music, sports, arts, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you hear about Farm of the Child? \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer or Work Experience (attach resumé if desired)**

Position	Organization	Location	Dates

**Education/Studies**

Field or Major	School	Location	Dates

### International Travel Experiences

Activity	Purpose	Location	Dates

Please rate yourself on the following characteristics:

Characteristics	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor	Unable to Rate	Comments
Common Sense							
Compassion							
Creativity							
Enthusiasm							
Flexibility							
Friendliness							
Helpfulness							
Honesty							
Humility							
Initiative							
Leadership skills							
Maturity							
Motivation							
Open to direction							
People skills							
Responsibility							
Sense of humor							
Sincerity							
Spirituality							
Team player							
Work ethic							

Please state any health conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Essay Questions

Thoughtfully answering the following questions will assist you and the volunteer selection committee in discerning your call to serve at the Farm of the Child.

1. What motivates you to volunteer?
2. Describe your relationship with God. How do you experience or manifest it?
3. Describe your strengths and weaknesses. How do you deal with your weaknesses?
4. What types of unforeseen problems, difficult challenges, or stressful situations have you experienced in your life? How did you handle them?
5. Describe a time when you experienced a conflict with another person or group of people. How did you handle or resolve the situation?
6. 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?
7. What is your idea of community? Describe any experiences you have had living in community.
8. How do you recognize and fulfill your personal, spiritual and emotional needs? How do you take care of yourself?
9. Are you particular about cleanliness or diet?
10. Are you aware of the opportunities to serve in the La Ceiba volunteer community and adolescent homes? If so, what are your thoughts on living and serving outside of the main Farm community? On living in community with Honduran adolescents and house staff?
11. If you enjoy volunteering at the Farm, how long might you wish to stay? What are your plans after volunteering?

Andrea McMerty-Brummer, the Program Administrator, would be happy to answer any questions or provide more information about the Farm of the Child. Feel free to contact her at the following phone number or e-mail address. Please send completed application **BY JANUARY 15, 2009** to:

Andrea McMerty-Brummer  
1616 Nottingham Knoll Drive  
Jacksonville, FL 32225

Tel: (727) 475-4459

Fax: (904) 221-7773

E-mail: farmofthechild\_usa@yahoo.com

Please send the enclosed reference forms to three people (one personal, one work-related, and one to a person of your choice):

Name	Address	Phone Number	Relationship