



Call for applications

Berlin Mission *Inwärts*-Program



The Call for applications for the volunteer program of Berlin Mission is now open.

What is Berlin Missions Volunteer Program?

The volunteer program is a chance for young people to get to know other cultures, encounter life in a foreign cultural context, and expose and work in an environment different from one's own. With this Call for application, Berlin Mission is inviting 10 - 15 participate in our volunteer program. Volunteers have the chance to grow personally in an informal learning process during their one-year-voluntary service in Germany, establish cross-cultural competence and intercultural leadership skills by working alongside those with a different background and viewpoints. They can learn about, contribute to existing partnerships, and build up new ones. After their voluntary service, the returnees can share what they have learned during their service with their own communities and networks at home. Host institutions in Germany get the chance to receive highly motivated volunteers that may bring in a new, different understanding of every day working culture, new perspectives and insights. The South-North Volunteer program runs annually from the end of August to September in the following year. Applicants should, in the best case, be available to prepare for their service and attend a German language course if necessary.

What placements are there?

All volunteers will be placed in a field of social work, in a church-related environment. Our placements might be in kindergartens, in schools, in youth centers or in organizations with a focus on disabled people, adult education, working with refugees or elderly people, within civil society organization doing secular community based work.

Who can apply?

The main target group are young people between 18-28 years who have finished their secondary or tertiary education.

The youth should be active in at least one area of activity of the sending organization and should have the full support of their sending church.

What are the requirements?

Applicants should

- be available from August - August of the next year
- be between 18 and 28 years old and should have finished secondary school. Applicants with work experience are invited to apply, applicants with a disability are also invited to apply.
- be ready to learn German and speak English sufficiently
- be an active member of their home congregation (as youth group leader, in youth projects or others)
- have the will to serve and work hard when required
- have specific interest in development policies and social justice topics
- want to integrate into a society with another cultural background than their owns

How to apply?

Berlin Mission looks for 10-15 applicants for a placement in a German parish or diaconic institution. Please note that applications must be submitted by Berlin Mission's international partners, EKBO partner churches, or – in cooperation with the Gossner Mission – by the Gossner Church and its international partners. The partners are responsible for selecting the volunteers and sending their nominations to Berlin Mission.

The closing date for submitting applications is 1st March. Earlier submissions are much appreciated. Both female and male applicants should be considered.

What should the application include?

Every application submitted to Berlin Mission must be sent by the respective church office. A complete application consists of the following documents:

1. Copy of the data sheet of the passport (if applicable)
2. Completed application form
3. Curriculum vitae
4. Church endorsement/ recommendation letter

All partners are asked to forward the (digital) application of their suitable candidates to the volunteer programm of Berlin Mission to Mrs. Lusine Zeytunyan until 1st March the latest:

freiwilligenprogramm@bmw.ekbo.de

Who finances the program?

Berlin Mission covers the monthly pocket money and German social security contributions (e.g., accident insurance).

Volunteers receive free accommodation and a food allowance at their placements. In addition, all volunteers can attend a language course in Germany and receive a public transport ticket. The costs for the accompanying seminars are also covered.

It would be greatly appreciated if the sending organization could contribute to the flight costs as well as to the health insurance (approximately 500 Euros per year).

Whom can I contact if I have further questions?

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