



Armenia Tree Project

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SUMMER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM IN ARMENIA

APPLICATION FORM

Name_____

Current Address_____

Permanent Address_____

Current Phone Number_____

Permanent Phone Number_____

Fax Number_____

Email Address_____

College or University_____ Year of Graduation_____

Major_____ Degree_____

Do you have a Passport? (yes/no)_____ If yes, Passport Number_____
(Please provide a copy of your passport with your application)

Citizenship_____ Social Security Number_____

Proficiency in Eastern Armenian, on a scale of 1 to 5 (1=none, 5=fluent)

Oral_____ Written_____

Proficiency in Western Armenian, on a scale of 1 to 5 (1=none, 5=fluent)

Oral_____ Written_____

INTERN ESSAY

Please write a brief statement explaining your expectations of a volunteer opportunity with Armenia Tree Project. Describe why you want to volunteer in Armenia, the skills you can bring to this program, and what types of experience you would like to gain. Please type your essay and limit your response to one double-spaced typed page.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please provide the following information for two (2) emergency contacts:

Name _____
Relation _____
Address _____

Telephone Number _____
Alternate Number _____

Name _____
Relation _____
Address _____

Telephone Number _____
Alternate Number _____

HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Do you take any prescription or non-prescription medication on a regular basis?
(Yes or No) _____
If so, what medication(s)? _____

NOTE: Be aware that, if accepted, you should have a supply of your medication as you may not be able to refill your prescription in Armenia.

2. Do you have any known allergies to any medication(s)? (Yes or No) _____
If so, what medication(s)? _____

3. Do you have any medical condition(s) of which we should be made aware?
(Yes or No) _____
If so, what condition(s)? _____

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Armenia Tree Project (ATP) Summer Volunteer Program organized in cooperation with Birthright Armenia/Depi Hayk Foundation offers the chance to work on programs related to Urban Reforestation, Rural and Mountainous Reforestation, and Environmental Sustainability. ATP is ready to accept diasporan volunteers for 8-week long periods of time or longer.

A Diaspora-supported non-profit organization, ATP conducts vitally important environmental projects in Armenia's impoverished and deforested zones and seeks support in advancing its reforestation mission. Since 1994, ATP has planted and restored over 2,000,000 trees and created hundreds of jobs for Armenians in seasonal tree-regeneration programs.

ATP works to further Armenia's economic and social development by mobilizing resources to fund reforestation. These vital new trees provide food, wood, environmental benefits, and opportunities for economic growth. Our goal is to assist the Armenian people in using trees to improve their standard of living and protect the global environment. In so doing, we are guided by the need to promote self-sufficiency, aid those with the fewest resources first, and conserve the indigenous ecosystem.

The applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Minimum stay of two months, working with ATP for at least 30 hours a week
2. Must be of Armenian heritage (at least one grandparent)
3. Must be in the 20-32 age bracket
4. Must be a high school graduate
5. Former citizens of Armenia are only eligible if they can prove, by official documentation, that they left Armenia before the age of 12
6. Have not previously been sponsored by Birthright Armenia

Applicants selected by ATP must apply to Birthright Armenia/Depi Hayk Foundation for reimbursement of their air ticket. For more information visit the Birthright Armenia Web site at www.birthrightarmenia.org.

Participants are strongly encouraged to consider home stays during the program, which will enrich their internship experience in Armenia. Interns are responsible for their housing expenses during the program, and Birthright Armenia has identified and screened families that are willing to host interns for home stays.

Birthright Armenia will reimburse participants for the first month of their home stay expenses, with the participant being responsible for the remainder of the cost (est. \$150 per month including laundry and one meal per day), which tends to be significantly less than apartment living. Birthright Armenia also provides language instruction, in-country orientation workshops, and free in-country excursions for participants.

HOW TO APPLY

Step 1: Complete the enclosed application packet, which includes:

- Application form
- Intern essay
- Emergency contact information
- Health questionnaire

Step 2: Gather the following materials and submit with your application packet:

- Transcript of grades
- One sealed letter of recommendation (via mail)
- Resume
- Copy of your passport

Step 3: Send or fax your application and additional materials to:

Armenia Tree Project
65 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472 USA
Fax: (617) 926-0006
Attn: Jeff Masarjian, Executive Director

Volunteers are encouraged to apply early since the number of positions available is limited.