



Please fill out the following application and return the completed form by email attachment to aidsalliance@gmail.com by **January 10th, 2010**.

Biographical Information

Full Name: _____

Date of birth (mm/dd/yy): _____ **Major:** _____

Year in college: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Other: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Local Phone Number: _(____)_____

Extracurricular Involvement

Please submit a resume as a separate attachment to this application. Please give special emphasis to any HIV/AIDS, public health, or teaching experience by indicating those projects in bold.

Agreement with IAPA Policy

IAPA's curriculum is a fact-based curriculum independent of any religious or political influence. Do you understand that, as a volunteer, you may be asked to teach about and discuss issues related to all of the following modes of prevention: abstinence, being faithful, and condoms?

No Yes

All volunteers are required to attend a pre-field orientation during the spring semester, which will consist of weekly meetings, teaching in the community with partner organizations, and service projects. Would you be willing to commit to attending these activities throughout the semester on the understanding that attendance is a requirement of retaining your place in our program? We will arrange the timings of these meetings early next semester and will ask for your input.

No Yes

We will discuss with volunteers how to raise the money to pay for program fees; however, each volunteer is individually responsible for raising the money to pay his/her own fees. These fees do not include expenses for airfare and recreational travel. IAPA can not provide any kind of scholarship. Do you understand these conditions?

No Yes

Each spring, IAPA hosts an annual fundraiser to help raise money for our India based programs. Volunteers are required to be actively involved in the fundraiser by: sending invitations to possible attendees, soliciting donations for the event, and by helping to set up for and attending the event. Do you understand these responsibilities?

No Yes



Short Answer

Answer each of the following questions. Limit your responses to a maximum of 150 words.

1. There are many opportunities for volunteering in the effort against HIV/AIDS that take place locally and do not require travel. In light of this, what is the primary reason you wish to travel to Chennai, India to volunteer with IAPA?
2. In your opinion, how would one most effectively communicate information about HIV/AIDS? What skills should a good teacher have? What habits should a good teacher avoid?
3. What do you anticipate will be the most challenging aspect of living in India for the summer? How do you intend to handle this situation? (Note: we do not consider eating the food a sufficient challenge unless you have certain dietary restrictions due to allergies/religious/social philosophies)
4. Give an example of a situation in which it was your task to devise a plan to reach a specific goal. Explain your planning process and how you ensured each step was accomplished. What were the biggest challenges? What was the end result? How do you think you will apply what you learned to your experience in India?
5. The prevalence of local myths about HIV is one of the biggest problems thwarting the education effort in India. How would you approach a student (child or adult) who insisted on believing one of the following:
 - HIV is spread through casual contact with an infected person
 - Condoms are ineffective at preventing the spread of HIV
 - Only people who look sick are infected with HIV
6. Have you ever had experience, clinical or personal, with someone with a chronic illness? If so, how do you feel it affected that person's quality of life and what do you feel would have best enhanced that quality of life?
7. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?