

VIDES – What Is It?

Did you ever
... feel sad when you saw refugees' faces?
... Feel like you owned too much compared to starving people?
... Wish you could do more than just give money in a collection basket?
... Feel called to go the extra mile and didn't know where to start?
... Want to serve Christ present in those who suffer?



VIDES might be a way for you to do something about it.

VIDES is

The Young Helping the Young!

Thousands of young adults worldwide (ages 21-35) are opting to make a difference.

VIDES+USA (a member of the VIDES International) is providing service opportunities for young adults to be **God-bearers** by promoting social justice, solidarity, generosity in sharing and giving of themselves as they incorporate Christian spirituality into the rhythm of everyday living. In a few words, Vides is:

"Experiencing and Sharing Life in Christ"

VIDES

Volunteers International for Development Education Solidarity

Dedicated at the national and international level to young people and women

Promoted by? The Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, Salesian Sisters

VIDES volunteers serve together with members of the worldwide Salesian family, joining efforts to be transformational leaders in society by living a simple Christ-centered community life while serving the poor.

VIDES USA Requirements

- Catholic or non-Catholic - open to community living within a religious family
- Female or male
- Single, 21-35 years of age
- US citizen or resident
- Knowledge of language spoken in the mission
- Attendance at annual formation/service camp
- Experience in the desired area of service
- Attendance at Re-Entry experience

Financial Arrangements

- VIDES provides the volunteer with room and board
- VIDES+USA provides the volunteer with basic health insurance.
- Volunteers are responsible for transportation costs to and from the Formation/Service Camp and actual service site and all personal expenses.
- AmeriCorps education awards are possible for those doing non-religious national service.
- Student loan deferment or forbearance is usually possible.

Application Process

Allow about six months before initiation of service to accommodate completion of:

- Preliminary Application form
- Full Application
- Interview
- Two or three week formation/service period
Jan & Jun in Texas, July in New Jersey
- Commissioning
- Placement procedures.

VIDES Volunteers...

... Love youth and are eager to serve

... Are open to cultural differences

... Are flexible & ready to meet unexpected challenges

... Have a spirit of free giving of self

... And a great desire to bring Jesus Christ to others, especially by making his love and compassion visible in the world

... Grow Spiritually by living Salesian Youth Spirituality

A Spirituality

... of daily, ordinary life—God-is-with us every moment of our day—faith and life are one

... of joy and optimism—cheerful outlook and good sense of humor

... of friendship with Jesus

... of mutual respect and communion with others

... of responsible service

... Live in Community & Gain Work Experience

In a variety of educational and outreach services including:

- Teaching
- Youth Ministry
- Recreational activities
- Community outreach
- Evangelization · Religious education
- Hunger relief · Healthcare
- Migrant ministry, literacy, English classes
- Clerical, secretarial office work
- Fundraising, grant writing
- Website, Social Media communications
- And other youth oriented services.

Area of Service – worldwide:

Africa,
North, Central and South America,
Asia,
Europe, and
Australia

This wonderful project cannot be only ours!

You, the reader, can be part of it.

You can help make it happen!

Levels of Involvement

1. VOLUNTEER — Service

Volunteer Missioners are young people ages 21 through 35 who share of their time and talent serving in a mission nationally or internationally

Short term: 1 to 2 months

Middle term: 3 to 5 months

Long term: 6 months to 2 years

2. MEMBER — Service & Support

Member volunteers or collaborators share their experience, time, talent, and resources to support and carry on the Vides Vision.

3. SPONSOR — Support

Sponsor a child in need, a volunteer, or a project for the development of the young or of women.

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