



A Call to Service

Quaker Volunteer Service is a program supporting volunteers in following their leadings to work for peace, justice and community within a framework of Quaker spirituality. The program is organized by the Quaker Volunteer Service Committee, with support from 57th Street Meeting of Friends in Chicago and other Friends Meetings. Quaker Volunteers serve for one year with community-based organizations (or in other service arrangements), doing some mix of peace and justice work and community building as they are led by the Spirit, with the guidance and support of the Meeting. Volunteers will share quarters, living in community in Quaker House.

As needed, Volunteers will receive room and board, health insurance, a small living stipend, transportation to Chicago at the beginning of the year of service and home at the end, orientation to the city, as well as local public transportation costs. In addition, 57th Street Meeting will provide:

- assistance in finding and engaging with a community-based organization or other arrangement for the placement
- regular spiritual support and guidance through the Quaker Volunteer Service Committee
- connections with other volunteers in the area, and
- fellowship with members and attenders of the Meeting

Most Quaker Volunteers are likely to be recent college graduates, or persons making a later life transition; all applicants must be 21 years of age or older. Applications for QVS should include

1. a completed application cover sheet (available at www.57thstreetmeeting.org/QVSAApplication.pdf),
2. a typed introduction to the applicant's life experience and spiritual history (approximately 2-3 pages),
3. three letters of reference including a letter of support from the applicant's local meeting, and
4. a detailed statement of the applicant's experience of the leading to service (approximately 2-3 pages).

All materials should be submitted to QVSC, c/o 57th Street Meeting of Friends, 5615 S. Woodlawn, Chicago, IL 60637. Open until filled, but applications received prior to **June, 2008** will receive fullest consideration.

For further information, please contact QVSC@57thstreetmeeting.org.