



Service Has No Age Limit

Peace Corps Opportunities for People 50 and Over



Did you hear John F. Kennedy's call to service?
It's never too late to join the Peace Corps.

Older Volunteers often find their age to be an asset, as people of developing nations respect and appreciate the work experience and wisdom older Volunteers bring to their communities.

About the Peace Corps

President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps in 1961 to foster a better understanding among Americans and people of other countries. Since then, more than 215,000 Americans of all ages have served in 139 countries worldwide.

The Peace Corps sends Americans abroad to tackle the most pressing needs of people around the world. Peace Corps Volunteers work at the grassroots level with local governments, schools, communities, small businesses, and entrepreneurs to develop sustainable solutions that help address challenges in agriculture, community and economic development, education, environment, health, and youth development.

Fast Facts

- 7,209 Volunteers currently serving
- 65 countries currently served
- 8% of Volunteers are 50+
- Peace Corps Response offers 3–12 month assignments

Frequently Asked Questions



How long is Peace Corps service?

The Peace Corps program is 27 months, with a variety of job assignments in 65 countries. Volunteers receive two to three months of language, technical, and cross-cultural training, then embark on two years of service. Volunteers must be flexible, motivated, and culturally sensitive individuals who can adapt to changing situations and effectively engage diverse populations.

Is there a shorter service option?

Peace Corps Response places seasoned professionals with at least 10 years of proven work experience and/or returned Peace Corps Volunteers who have successfully completed their service in 3–12 month service assignments.

What is Peace Corps Response?

Peace Corps Response positions are targeted, specialized development assignments designed for Volunteers to hit the ground running. Competitive candidates have the necessary language, technical, and cross-cultural skills needed to excel in their assignments and, as such, may apply to specific positions in a country of their choice.

What benefits do Volunteers receive?

Peace Corps Volunteers receive many benefits, including comprehensive medical care, housing, a modest living allowance, transportation to and from their country of service, a readjustment allowance, and paid vacation days.

Can I serve with my spouse/ domestic partner?

Committed couples may serve in the Peace Corps together; however, each person must apply and qualify separately. It can take longer to place couples, as the number of placements for two qualified Volunteers in the same location is limited.

Are there health requirements for service?

Due to the nature of countries where Peace Corps serves and the scope of the medical services available in those countries, all applicants undergo a comprehensive medical and dental assessment to determine if they are medically qualified to serve in the Peace Corps and that any special medical needs can be supported in their country of service.

Make a difference.

Be a Volunteer.



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Visit peacecorps.gov to learn more about Peace Corps service.

Learn more about three–12 month assignments with Peace Corps Response at peacecorps.gov/response.