



Teens and adults interested in helping others while improving their English and making American friends should consider the "Greenheart Volunteer Homestay Program".

Participants of the Greenheart Volunteer Homestay Program volunteer with environmental, humanitarian or educational organizations while living with an American host family. Participants should feel comfortable traveling from their home country unaccompanied and be prepared to spend time seeing and experiencing their host community independently. Participants may use public transportation to and from their volunteer project sites.

Participants choose fields in which they are most interested in volunteering. These fields include:

- **Environment**

Examples: Nature restoration projects, Community gardens

- **Animal Welfare**

Examples: Animal shelter, Veterinary clinics

- **Education**

Examples: Summer school teacher, Language teacher

- **Social Work**

Examples: Homeless shelter, Food bank, YMCA volunteer

- **Arts/Culture**

Examples: Fair trade, International club, Community Orchestra, Drama and acting camp

Host families provide accommodation and all meals taken in the home, but are not expected to entertain the participants, and may often be gone during working hours. Thus, this program is suitable for mature participants.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Room and board with a volunteer American host



family (half board during weekdays; full board on weekend)

- Placement with a volunteer organization in the field of: Environment; Animal Welfare; Education; Social Work; Arts/Culture for 10 – 35 hours per week
- Orientation provided by Vishvet Foundation
- Support & supervision of a Vishvet Coordinator
- Medical and accident insurance
- Airport transfers to/from nearest airport from homestay community
- Support letter for tourist visa

NOT INCLUDED:

- International airfare and ground transportation
- Transportation to/from volunteer site/s
- Lunch on volunteer days
- Meals and entertainment outside host family home
- Pocket money for personal use

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

- Be at least 16 years old
- Able to communicate in English at a basic conversational level
- Mature enough to feel comfortable traveling alone
- Genuinely interested in volunteering
- Be willing to become a member of an American family

WHAT ARE THE AVAILABLE REGIONS?

Participants may select 3 of the seven regions listed in order of preference. Request fulfillment is based upon availability.

Atlantic Coast: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia or Washington D.C.

Colorado and Plains: Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska

Midwest: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

Pacific Coast: California, Oregon or Washington.

South: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Oklahoma, West Virginia.

West: Arizona, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming.

Island: Hawaiian Islands.

DEADLINE

Applications are due to Vishvet 8 weeks prior to requested arrival in any time a year.



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