

# SHELTER YOUTH HOSTEL MINISTRY

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

Would you be willing to step out in faith to share God's love with people all over the world? Here we offer a great mission opportunity! In a context of hospitality, we share the gospel of Jesus Christ in words and actions with travellers in our two Christian hostels in Amsterdam.

Are you looking for a chance to live, work and share the Gospel in a dynamic international community? Apply now for our ministry! Serve God, share your faith and grow in your walk with the Lord.

Before you apply, please check the following application information:

### Step 1 - Length of your stay and starting dates

Our ministry opportunities vary from 3 months to one year. We have a few opportunities in the summer for only 1 or 2 months. Volunteers often like to extend their stay, so please consider staying longer beforehand! Check the starting and ending dates here.

### Step 2 – Length of the application procedure: work permit or visa needed?

The length of your volunteering time and application procedure depend on the country you have a passport from. Check our website [www.youthhostelministry.org/application-procedure](http://www.youthhostelministry.org/application-procedure) to see which application procedure fits to your country and situation. For non-EU-citizens a permit procedure is required, if staying longer than 90 days. In that case, please apply at least four months before your desired start date.

### Step 3 – Costs

During your time at the Shelter, we will provide you with:

- Accommodation (free of charge)
- Our Ministry Training Program (free of charge)
- If applicable: Payment of Fee required for the Residence permit

You will have to provide and pay for:

- €60 for each month of your term as a fee for food
- Travel costs to Amsterdam and back
- Medical insurance (covering all costs of medical care in the Netherlands)
- Extra spending money

### Step 4 – Get your church involved!

Inform your church about your desire to be involved in our ministry, so they can support you in prayer.

## Apply as a volunteer

In order to join our team, we are looking for people from the age of 18 to 30 that:

- Are serious about following Jesus in their daily life
- Have a heart for evangelism
- Are willing to serve in a practical way
- Desire to learn more about the Bible, ministry and a Christian lifestyle
- Are willing to live in an international Christian community
- Speak and understand English well enough to have conversations

Do you meet these requirements? Great! Apply today to become part of our ministry team.

## APPLICATION FORM

### Personal details:

Family name:

First name(s):

Date of birth:

Nationality:

(List the countries where you have a passport from)

Address:

Telephone number:

E-mail:

Gender:

Male

Female

### Contact person (in case of emergency)

Name:

Relationship to you:

Telephone number:

E-mail:

This is an application for: *(please cross off)*

1 month (only possible from June until August)

2 months (only possible from June until August)

3 months

4-5 months (only for EU-citizens)

6-12 months

Our volunteering program has the following start and ending dates: January 1st, March 1st, May 1st, June 1st, July 1st, August 1st, September 1st, December 1st.

Requested Start date:  End date:

Please state whether these dates are fixed or flexible:  Flexible  Fixed

### Personal Information and experiences:

1. Most recent (or current) education?

2. If not studying, what are you currently doing?

3. What is, in short, your work experience?

4. We would like to get an impression of your experience in a work setting, to see where your talents lie (0 = no experience; 1 = some experience; 2 = average; 3 = a lot of experience)

Reception work		Cooking		Decorating/Creativity	
Evangelism		Cleaning		Fixing bikes	
Public speaking		Administration		Music	
Writing		Leadership		Other:	

5. What languages do you speak?

English:  Fluent  Average  Can get by

Other languages:

6. What travel experiences do you have and what cultures have you been exposed to?

7. How would you describe yourself in five sentences? (personality, character, hobbies)

8. What are your plans after the Shelter?

**Ministry and Evangelism**

1. How did you hear about the Youth Hostel Ministry?

2. Why would you like to apply for this ministry?

3. What experiences do you have with other ministries?

4. What motivates you for evangelism?

5. In what way have you been trained or equipped for evangelism?

6. How has sharing Christ been a part of your life?

7. When talking with a non-Christian, what are the core principles of your faith that you would like to share?

8. What would you like to learn during your time of ministry?

9. What aspect(s) do you think you would enjoy most during your time of ministry?

Showing hospitality		Sharing the gospel		Caring for others	
Serving in a practical way		Leadership		Teaching from the bible	
Meeting new people		Organizing an activity		Leading an event	

**Church and Community**

1. How are you involved in a local church? (which denomination and activities)

2. What would you like to contribute to our team/community? (describe your strengths)

*Living in the city of Amsterdam can be a challenge while doing ministry and living in a community can be intense. It will be helpful for us to be aware of possible struggles, you may face. Therefore we feel the need to ask you the following questions. Your answer to these questions will not prejudice your acceptance as staff. All answers are confidential.*

3. What could be a challenge for you when it comes to working in the team or living in community?

4. Please check each box that describes an issue in your life at the moment (or in the past)

Alcohol		Gaming		Eating disorder	
Drug use		Social media		Unhealthy relationships	
Sexual addictions		Occultism		Physical health	
Depression		Anxiety		Other:	

Can you share if these issues are still a challenge and how you deal(t) with them?

5. In what way can we support you as a team? (please be honest about areas in which you like to grow)

6. Some questions about your health:

Are you in professional counselling at the moment?

Do you have a special diet or allergy?  No  Yes, describe:

Do you smoke cigarettes or drugs?  No  Yes, how often:

Do you drink alcohol?  No  Yes, how often:

Due to life in the community, considering the different ages, cultures and possible past problems, we ask you to refrain from smoking and drinking while working with us as staff.

Are you willing to refrain from smoking and drinking during your committed time?  Yes  No

7. Some questions about relationships:

Are you in a dating relationship at this moment?  Yes  No

How do you think this will influence your ministry commitment?

Is your boyfriend/girlfriend a Christian and how far does he/she support you in your desire to join the Youth Hostel Ministry?

Because of community life, we ask staff not to start a dating relationship with other volunteers, cleaners or guests during their time in ministry. Are you willing to refrain from starting such a relationship during your time at the Shelter?  Yes  No

**Thank you for filling out this application form and sharing about your life**

Add the following to your application (required):

**A. YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY**

We ask that you share your personal testimony in a separate document: please write about your life, background, and family relationships; when and how you became a Christian, and the process of your spiritual growth since that point, including some struggles you have encountered along the way. Also describe what your daily walk with the Lord looks like at this moment, who Jesus is for you personally and what salvation means to you.

**B. REFERENCES**

We need two references to fill out the our specific Reference Forms. Please ask two people (outside your family) that are willing to give an honest impression. At least one of them should be a pastor, elder or youth leader in your church. Ask them to send it as soon as possible to us in a separate e-mail.

**C. COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT**

Enclose a photocopy of your passport (required) and a picture of yourself.

**I agree that I have completed this application form truthfully**

Date:

Your signature: