

Costs and Available Dates:

Short-Term (Under 2 weeks)

[For immediate family of current volunteers, click here.](#)

Arrival and departure dates

*In general, a one-week-long service trip is an ideal length of time, but trips as short as three nights are do-able and trips up to two weeks long can be arranged. *Requests to stay longer than two weeks are considered on an individual basis.*

Dates

As long as we have space, you can arrive or leave any day you like; however, there is a [discount](#) for traveling on our preferred days (arriving on a Friday – it makes our lives easier).

For longer than 2 weeks (14 nights), please see [“Costs and Available Dates” under the “Long-Term Volunteer Opportunities”](#) section. Most dates, except for exceptionally busy times (ex. summer and holidays), are usually available. Please contact our office to verify date availability - availability changes as we receive applications, since we operate on a first-come, first-served basis (and obviously after processing the applications). We do not hold time slots until we have received applications.

§ We discourage anyone arriving on Sunday (and for Cuenca, we discourage arriving on Saturday as well since it would necessitate flying on to Cuenca on Sunday, unless you plan to stay in Quito over Sunday). We don't want to make our Project Directors in either city have to pick people up from or take people to the airport on Sundays. If no other reasonable reservations work for your situation, we can make exceptions.

Costs **See below for discounts up to \$1,000 per person**

Application Fee: \$50.00 USD per person for each person over the age of 12

- \$20.00 is refunded if we do not accept you after processing your application
- \$20.00 is refunded if your application is processed but we can't offer you a spot in any of the groups you marked on your application
- nothing is refunded if your application is processed and we can/do accept you for one of the groups you marked on your application and then you decide you don't want to go, or that you can't make it work, or withdraw
- if your application is processed and we can't offer you a spot in any of the groups you marked on your application but you tell us you want to go in a later group (this effectively means you've added another preference on your application), then the line above applies

Program Fee: **International airfare not included.**

1 day to 1 week (1-7 nights)	\$1,300
1+ to 2 weeks (8-14 nights)	\$1,900

Per-Person Discounts for 1 day to 2 weeks:

\$100 off for applying 4 months in advance.

\$100 off for arriving on a Friday.

\$600 off for immediate family members (spouse or child) of someone paying single rate (traveling and being billed together) and an additional \$200 off per immediate family member who stays 8-14 days.

examples:

1) a mother and daughter volunteering together for a week, applying 4 months early, and arriving on a Friday:

\$1,300 x 2 = \$2,600

- \$600 immediate family member

- (2 x \$100) for applying 3 months in advance

- (2 x \$100) for arriving on a Friday

= \$1,600

2) family of 5 applying 1 month in advance staying 12 days

\$1,900 x 5 = \$9,500

- (\$600 x 4) immediate family members

- (\$100 x 5) for arriving on a Friday

- (\$200 x 4) immediate family members staying 8-14 days

= \$5,800

Please review the file "[What the Program Fee Covers and Doesn't Cover](#)" so there aren't any surprises (specifically emphasizing about paying your own departure tax of \$40.80).

Critical Need discount:

There are times of the year when the need for volunteers is more critical than others. We will give the following discounts to those who can serve at our critical times:

- **\$100** off per full **week** you serve between Aug 19 and Sep 9, 2011
- **\$150** off per full **week** you serve between Dec 1 and Dec 30, 2011