

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in being part of the Jesuit Volunteer (JV) EnCorps program this year. We invite you to read the overview of the program's opportunities for service and spiritual formation. We hope you will be inspired! Please retain this cover letter for your reference.

JV ENCORPS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

JV EnCorps, a program of Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) Northwest, engages people, ages 50 and older, in a rewarding experience of volunteer service and spiritual growth. Members (JVEs) commit to 10 months of service (September – June) in their local communities and to the exploration of JVC Northwest's core values: community, simple living, spirituality, and social and environmental justice.

The JV EnCorps experience includes:

- **Justice:** Volunteer service for 10 months in a community agency or institution. The number of service hours is usually 5-10 hours a week, though may vary depending on the JVE's individual circumstances.
- **Community:** Participating in monthly JV EnCorps Community Meetings plus an opening and closing retreat for fellowship, learning, reflection and spiritual growth.
- **Simple Living:** Exploring practices that simplify daily living and support the greater good.
- **Spirituality:** Sustaining an individual practice of prayer, meditation and/or reflection and also participating in and leading spiritual practices within the JV EnCorps community.

JV EnCorps will assist a JVE in finding a service placement or a JVE may already have an established volunteer placement that fits the mission of JVC Northwest.

AGENCY CRITERIA FOR JV ENCORPS SERVICE PLACEMENTS

- Agencies directly serving those who are marginalized and/or are addressing the issues and structures impacting marginalized populations or ecological integrity.
- Agencies able to provide minimum service requirements to meet the JVE time commitment of five or more hours a week, September - June.
- Agencies able to offer volunteers (50 years and older) meaningful service opportunities and ongoing support through orientation, training, and effective communication.

MAIL YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION TO

JV EnCorps

P.O. Box 22125

Portland, OR 97269

Call 503-335-8202 or email jvencorps@jvcnorthwest.org if you have any questions.

ABOUT JVC NORTHWEST

Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) Northwest responds to local community needs in the Pacific Northwest by placing volunteers who provide value-centered service grounded in the Jesuit Catholic tradition. Honoring the Divine at work in all things, we envision the Northwest as a sustainable region where all live in dignity, are treated justly, and actively contribute to their own empowerment and to positive change in their communities. JVC Northwest strives to live out the four values of community, simple living, social and ecological justice, and spirituality/reflection.

JV EnCorps was created in 2011 to meet the needs of older adults who are transitioning in their lives with family and work responsibilities while seeking to align their lives with meaningful service benefiting society; a supportive spiritual community; and finding renewed purpose and fulfillment.

JVC Northwest Equity Statement

JVC Northwest is grounded in the Jesuit Catholic tradition that propels us to work for equity in our organization and the communities in which our volunteers live and serve. We commit to critically examine our service and presence everywhere, particularly in communities of color, as well as acknowledge and amend the historical injustices of the past.

To be an equitable organization, we must provide meaningful opportunities to those who face the barriers of bias, poverty, and injustice to participate in sharing power. To this end, we intend to create and sustain an organizational culture and structure that welcomes and supports diverse staff, board, volunteers, and partner agencies. We call our constituents into this deep and wide process. This work is core to our mission of social justice. It is the work of grace and reflection of Divine love.

JVE Northwest Gender Pronoun Policy

Because gender identity cannot be assumed by appearance, during our JV EnCorps application process we invite everyone to share their pronouns and inform others how they would like to be referred to: “she/her/hers”, “he/him/his”, or “they/them/theirs”, or another option. You can indicate your preference on the application form.

KEY DATES:

APPLICATION PRIORITY DEADLINE: AUG 31ST

APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ON A ROLLING BASIS AFTER THE DEADLINE UNTIL THE GROUP IS FILLED.

OPENING RETREAT: SEPTEMBER 2019



COMMUNITY * SIMPLE LIVING * SOCIAL & ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE * SPIRITUALITY

Jesuit Volunteer EnCorps: 2019 – 2020 Application

MAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE ADDRESS PRINTED ON THE BACK OF THIS APPLICATION.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR PROVIDING US WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION!

CONTACT INFORMATION		
FIRST NAME	PREFERRED NAME	LAST NAME
ADDRESS		
CITY, STATE, ZIP		
E-MAIL	LANDLINE PHONE	CELL PHONE
BIRTH YEAR: _____ GENDER PRONOUN PREFERENCE: (circle) she/her/hers he/him/his or: _____		

CURRENT WORK STATUS		
<input type="checkbox"/> Retired/not working	<input type="checkbox"/> Working part-time/semi-retired	<input type="checkbox"/> Working full-time

REFERENCES (It may be helpful for us to talk with others about your JV EnCorps application)		
Name:	Email/Phone:	Relationship:
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SPIRITUAL AFFILIATION/PARISH/CONGREGATION (if applicable):

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT JV ENCORPS?

CONFIDENTIALITY

JV EnCorps staff and group members are required to keep confidential all JVE contact and personal information shared within the group. We also ask your permission to include your contact information on the group roster.

- By checking this box and signing this application, you agree to keep group information confidential.**
- By checking this box and signing this application, you grant us permission to list your contact information on the JV EnCorps group roster.**

MEDIA RELEASE

With your permission, we will be using video/photographs taken throughout the year to promote JVC Northwest and/or JV EnCorps, including use as a recruiting and advertising tool. We appreciate your participation in our efforts to recruit new and motivated persons to serve in communities of the Northwest!

By checking this box and signing this application, you grant us permission for the above media activities.

WORK AND SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Please list work positions (paid and volunteer) and fulfilling hobbies/adventures you've had:

<p>SERVICE PLACEMENT PREFERENCE <i>If you have already identified a specific volunteer position(s) or non-profit organization(s) you would like to use as your JV EnCorps placement, please provide that information below:</i></p> <hr/> <p>ORGANIZATION/AGENCY (you may list more than one placement separated by a semi-colon)</p> <hr/> <p>MISSION AND FOCUS OF THE ORGANIZATION</p> <hr/> <p>VOLUNTEER ROLE & DUTIES</p>
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JV ENCORPS COMMUNITIES (Check the group to which you are applying)

___ BEND ___ PORTLAND ___ SEATTLE ___ SPOKANE ___ TACOMA ___ VANCOUVER

PERSONAL STATEMENT

In no more than 2 pages, please share your interests and expectations related to the JV EnCorps experience, using the following questions and program components as a guide.

- **Why now:** How is this JV EnCorps experience a good fit for your life at this time?
- **Intentions:** What personal intentions do you have for this year in JV EnCorps?
- **Challenges:** Which JV EnCorps program components and core values do you find challenging?
- **Justice & Equity:** What social justice issue(s) is of particular importance to you?
- **Group Experience:** What previous experience have you had as a group member? What did you enjoy about being in a group? What was challenging about that experience?
- **Participation:** What personal concerns (health, other commitments, travel, etc.) would potentially prevent you from participating fully in this group?

Program Components:

- Serving alongside people who are materially poor or marginalized
- Contemplation and action against oppression and on behalf of social & ecological injustice

- Ignatian spirituality and practices (i.e., Spiritual Exercises, Examen, etc.) *
- JV EnCorps monthly community meetings and two retreats for mutual support and shared reflection
- Personal commitment to daily spiritual practice
- Spiritual Direction is encouraged

*Though grounded in the Catholic Ignatian tradition, JV EnCorps welcomes people from all spiritual traditions and encourages openness to the spiritual paths of others. Often, we share spiritual practices and wisdom from other traditions.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

Your program donation of \$200 supports the on-going mission of JVC Northwest and JV EnCorps. Please read on the cover sheet about our more than 60-year legacy of supporting social and ecological justice throughout the Northwest. A part of supporting our mission is to sustain the valuable community aspects of the JV EnCorps program which requires staffing and resources related to marketing, recruitment, fundraising, program development, and ongoing program management. If you are unable to commit to the recommended contribution of \$200, we ask for an amount that is personally affordable. Or, if you are able, give an additional donation to help cover the amount that other JVEs are not able to offer. Donations are typically submitted with the application but will not be processed until acceptance into the program is finalized.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Interview: When we receive your completed application, someone from the local JV EnCorps program will contact you to schedule an interview. This will be an opportunity to review program specifics, get acquainted, and explore the fit. The interview will last about one hour. Following the interview, JV EnCorps will notify you about acceptance into the program.

Additional Requirements:

- **Criminal Background Check:** To ensure the safety of those with whom we serve, all JVC Northwest staff, JVs, and JVEs are required to complete a basic criminal history background check. Financial and driving records are NOT a part of this background check. And you will NOT be required to submit your Social Security number. After the interview, the applicant will be emailed a link to the online form for completing a background check. JVC Northwest pays the cost of this check.
- **Code of Conduct:** All JVC Northwest staff, JVs, and JVEs are required to sign a *Code of Conduct* to ensure ethical and legal compliance in relation to the marginal populations with whom we serve in our volunteer placements. After the interview, the applicant will be emailed a link to the online form for reviewing and signing this document.

Service Placement Process: After you are accepted into the program, JV EnCorps will work with you to identify a service placement that best fits your interests, local non-profit agency's needs, and the mission of JVC Northwest. This could include a site where you already volunteer. Some agencies may also require their own interview and paperwork. These requirements may vary based on the site placement.

I certify that the statements made in this volunteer application and accompanying documents are true and correct, and have been given voluntarily. I understand that volunteers are not employees of JVC Northwest and that if accepted as a volunteer, I do not expect and will not be paid or receive any remuneration for my services as a volunteer. I understand that application materials become property of JVC Northwest and that none of the materials will be returned to me.

Signature

Date

**Place
Stamp
Here**

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