



Individual Volunteer Application Form

We at Common Ground Relief work in solidarity with those affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to rebuild the Lower 9th Ward, New Orleans and its surrounding areas. We are committed to fighting all

forms of systemic oppression. Through the work of our volunteers, we strive for social, political, and economic justice. Thank you for your interest in volunteering with us. Please read through our website (www.commongroundrelief.org) and in particular the Volunteer Handbook before you apply, so as to gain a greater understanding of our organization's mission, values, and projects.

If you are a group leader for a large group please submit the Interested Group Application as early as possible. We have limited space available, particularly during college break seasons. The Volunteer Coordinator will be in touch with you to discuss your trip.

If you are planning to volunteer by yourself or with a few friends or relatives please make sure that you (all) submit the Individual Application at least one full month before you would like to arrive.

There are five steps towards volunteering with Common Ground:

- 1.) Review the Project Areas section of the website. Find a Project Area you and your group would like to work with.
- 2.) Submit your application!
- 3.) Within 2 weeks of receiving your application, you can expect to receive an email from the volunteer coordinator
- 4.) Once the coordinator has looked at your application, they will give you a call to talk with you a little about your background and the projects areas you are interested in working with at Common Ground
- 5.) If everything looks good, you will receive an offer to come and volunteer with us!

Please understand that CGR can only accommodate volunteers who have accepted a position through this process. Please understand that we work hard to match volunteers with appropriate projects and provide quality and reliable mutual aid to the community. In order to do so CGR asks that everyone respect the application process.

Please take a moment to fill out the appropriate form and let us know about you and your interest in Common Ground Relief.

INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

_____	_____	_____	
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	
_____	_____	_____	
_____	_____	_____	_____
Street Address	City	State	Zip
(____)_____	_____	_____	
_____	_____	_____	
Phone Number	Date of Birth	E-mail	

Volunteering with Common Ground:

Proposed Arrival Date:

Proposed Departure Date:

Do you agree to abide by the guidelines laid out in the CGR Volunteer Handbook? Y/N

Are you interested in CGR housing? Y/N (Common Ground requests \$10 per day donation, but will not turn away volunteers who cannot provide this.)

Please Indicate Dietary Restrictions you have (Allergies/Vegetarian/Vegan):

Are you committed to assisting with day-to-day communal living operations such as cooking and cleaning? Y/N

Our housing facilities provide few comforts (no heat or AC and little or no privacy). Are you prepared to cope with these daily challenges for the duration of your stay? Y/N

In two sentences please explain what kind of work or specific job you enjoy doing most and why:

Project Area(s) you are interested in working with:

- Anita Roddick Advocacy Center
- Meg Perry Healthy Soil Project
- Community Gardens
- Wetlands Restoration
- CGR Construction
- CGR Mowing/Grounds
- CG Media Collective
- CG Legal Clinic
- Common Support Crew (Kitchen/Cleaning)
- CGL9 Administration

In a paragraph please describe your skills and experience in this area:

Do you prefer to work alone or as part of a team?

LOGISTICS:

Please answer yes or no to the following questions:

How will you be arriving at CGR? Will you need to be picked up at an Airport or Bus Terminal?

Do you have any dietary restrictions? Y/N
If yes, please explain:

Do you have any health concerns we should know about? Y/N
If yes, please explain:

Will you be bringing a vehicle to use for CGR projects? Y/N

Will it be able to transport tools (wheelbarrows, shovels, etc)? Y/N

Have you ever been arrested? Y/N

If yes, please explain:

FINANCES:

Short term volunteers (those working with us for 1 day to 1 month) are asked to donate \$10 per day to help offset the cost of food, transportation & materials.

I can make a personal financial commitment of: \$_____ .

Volunteers are encouraged to do additional fundraising to support the work of Common Ground. We encourage you to set a pre-trip personal fundraising goal now. Fundraising events can include screenings of films about New Orleans, Hurricane Katrina and Common Ground, Southern Food Bakes, Guest Speakers and more. See our website for further suggestions!

I will raise: \$_____ before my trip.

In submitting this application I certify that information contained in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false information may be grounds for immediate termination of my volunteer position. I authorize the verification of any or all information listed above.

Please Sign Here:

Print Name:

Date:

Please attach the following documents to this application:

1) Your resume

2) The contact information for up to 3 references

3) One page or less telling us a bit about; how you decided to apply to Common Ground Relief, what you would like to accomplish in your time volunteering with CGR and what you expect CGR to provide for you as a volunteer.

Note: A copy of your state issued picture ID or license is required upon arrival.

PLEASE ALLOW TWO WEEKS FOR A RESPONSE!

Thanks for taking the time to tell us about your-self. We will be in touch!