

**Application
Program Year 2010**

Norbertine Volunteer Community



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VISION

The Norbertine Volunteer Community (NVC) will strive to follow the example of Jesus by serving, journeying with, supporting, and learning alongside those who are poor, struggling, or marginalized. In doing so, the community seeks to further God's Reign of justice, peace and reconciliation.

(NVC Proposal, pg. 3)

III. PERSONAL HEALTH INFORMATION

Do you have any health issues that we may need to know about or consider in relation to your possible placement in a communal living environment?

Circle One: Yes or No

If you answered yes, please briefly describe:

IV. EDUCATION

University/College: _____
(Name) (City, State)

Undergraduate Degree: _____

Undergraduate Major(s): _____

Undergraduate Minor(s): _____

High School: _____

Please place a check mark by the subject areas in which you have experience through your undergraduate studies.

- Business, Engineering, Religious Studies, Language, English, Anthropology, Leadership Studies, Human Development, Special Education, Adult Education, Computer Science, Visual Arts, Science, Political Science, Social Work, Nursing, Other, Education (specify grade levels), Gender Studies, Music, Social Studies, Mathematics, Psychology, Peace & Justice

I have earned a teaching license and the credential is listed with the following:

License ID#: _____ Issuing State: _____
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V. VOLUNTEER OR SERVICE EXPERIENCE



Briefly describe the volunteer or service experiences you have had to date and address the following questions:

1. What have you learned about yourself in light of your volunteer or service experiences?

2. What have you learned from those whom you have served?

VI. LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATIONS PROFICIENCY

Please specify any language(s) and your level of comprehension or other communication proficiencies that may be useful. **(Circle all that apply).**

_____ Fluently / Advanced / Intermediate / Basic Spoken / Written
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Conflict Resolution / Family Mediation (YES) (NO)

Sign Language (YES) (NO) Advanced / Intermediate / Basic

Computer (YES) (NO) Advanced / Intermediate / Basic Software / Hardware

Music (YES) (NO) Advanced / Intermediate / Basic Performance / Expression



VII. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Letters of recommendation need to be mailed to the Director of the Norbertine Volunteer Community directly from the author in a sealed envelope with the author's signature across the seal.

- The **first letter** should objectively assess how you have demonstrated your character, academic and/or professional qualities, and maturity. This letter should be written by a professor or employer.
- The **second letter** should assess your character, inter-personal skills, problem solving skills and ability to live with other individuals in a communal setting. The writer should include the length of time you have shared living space and describe your relationship. This letter could be written by a recent roommate or family member.
- The **final letter** should assess your maturity, character, spiritual formation, development and involvement. The writer should speak about the length of time you have known one another and in what capacity. This letter should be written by your pastor, campus minister, youth minister, pastoral minister or spiritual director.

VIII. QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION



Instructions: Address the following questions in typewritten paragraphs, double-spaced, totaling no more than one or two pages per question and enclose responses with your completed application. Remember to properly identify your responses specific to each question:

Question 1. Recall a time when you learned a significant life lesson from another person or group of people. Describe the circumstances that lead to this learning experience. How have you applied the life lesson to other areas of your life?

Question 2. Explain why you are applying to be a member of the Norbertine Volunteer Community. What excites you about this opportunity? How do you believe you will be challenged through this potential experience?

Question 3. Describe a situation of great challenge in your life. What support systems did you employ to move through the challenge? Who was the person most helpful to you during this challenge? Explain what made them a resource for you.

IX: PROGRAM BENEFITS AND EXPECTATIONS

Volunteers can receive:

- Experience living in a community setting
- Professional experience in youth ministry, education, social work (dependent upon your undergraduate degree or certification)
- Health Insurance through CNVS
- Monthly stipend (pre-tax)
- Room and board in the Norbertine Volunteer Community house in Green Bay.

PROGRAM BENEFITS AND EXPECTATIONS, continued

- Use of a community vehicle.
- One graduate class per semester in the Master of Theological Studies program at St. Norbert College (*Program total scholarship of \$3000.00 to be shared among volunteers*).
- College Loan Deferment



Volunteers are expected to:

- Actively participate in all components of the program
- Make a commitment of 11 months to NVC
- Extend the Norbertine spirit of hospitality to those you encounter in the neighborhood and through your actions of service
- Balance communal living and service through common, simple living, shared meals, prayer and recreation.
- Be active stewards of the NVC house and other program resources.

“The first purpose for which you have come together is to live in unity in the house and to be of one mind and one heart on the way to God.”

Rule of St. Augustine

X. AGREEMENT

I certify that the information contained in this application to the Norbertine Volunteer Community Selection Committee is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have read and understand the requirements and expectations of the Norbertine Volunteer Community, sponsored by St. Norbert Abbey. I am also fully aware that if I receive and accept a volunteer appointment, I will have made a continuous eleven (11) month commitment to serve as a Norbertine Volunteer beginning August 2010.

(Applicant's Signature)

(Date)

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