

Volunteer Interpreter Application Guidelines for Peace Boat's Global Voyage 120 (As of September 2, 2024)

■Minimum Requirements

- Individuals with the ability to act as volunteer interpreters in the following language pairs: Japanese-English, Japanese-Chinese, Japanese-Korean, English-Chinese, or English-Korean. They must be able to act as a bridge of communication and be of sound health. We also accept applications from people who can interpret between Japanese-Chinese-English, Japanese-Korean-English, or any of the above combinations PLUS Spanish.
 - While it is not compulsory to have taken the language proficiency tests, the following language levels are a guide to the minimum proficiency of successful applicants
 - Japanese: JLPT N1.
 - English: TOEFL(PBT/ITP) 600, (CBT) 250, (iBT) 100 and above, TOEIC 900 and above.
 - Spanish: Evaluación Oficial del Conocimiento de la Lengua Española 2o grado, DELE B2.
 - Chinese: HSK6.
 - Korean: TOPIK6.
- You must be available for the entire duration of the voyage, which is from April 23, 2025 (departure from Yokohama) until August 8, 2025 (arriving in Kobe). You must also be able to physically participate in the orientation which is scheduled to begin around one week prior to the departure of the voyage in Tokyo/Yokohama area.
- You must be at least 18 years of age. However, high school students are not eligible.
- You should have a strong interest in and background knowledge of the following topics: the Global South, regional conflicts, poverty, racism and other forms of discrimination, indigenous peoples, diversity, civil society, sustainable development and international bodies, the environment, nuclear and other energy issues, etc.
- You must agree with the aim and activism of the NGO Peace Boat and have the motivation to participate in activities with a volunteer spirit.
- Proficiency in other languages used in countries visited (for example, French, etc.) will be looked upon favorably.
- While not necessary, experience in interpreting or having studied interpreting previously will be viewed favorably.

■Conditions

- While volunteer interpreters are not paid, you will be exempt from the voyage fees (including international tourist tax, port charges, and tips).
- Peace Boat will pay for the cost of any programs in port that you are asked to attend as an interpreter.
- Transport to the port of embarkation at the start of the voyage, and from the port of disembarkation at the end of the voyage, as well as accommodations required during the transport, are your own responsibility.
- Personal expenditures such as onboard charges (drinks, laundry fees, etc.) and fees for in-port personal activities (transport, souvenirs, etc.), as well as travel insurance, are your own responsibility.
- Peace Boat will pay visa fees. However, in certain cases, you may be asked to cover part of the cost. In principle, it is your own responsibility to apply for and obtain all visas required.
- For some non-Japanese passport holders, significant time may be required for visas, etc. Please contact us prior to your application to verify your eligibility for the voyage.

■How to Apply

Please submit the online application form and receive an automated reply which will inform you of the further instruction. Please prepare the following documents in PDF formats for submission.

<Application Documents>

1. Resume in all languages for which you are applying.
2. An essay outlining “Why I would like to join a Peace Boat voyage as a volunteer interpreter” (approximately one A4 page in length) in all languages for which you are applying. The content should be the same in each language.

■Deadline

End of Sunday, October 6, 2024 (Japan Time)

■Step 2: Interpretation Test

- After screening written applications, short-listed candidates will be invited to participate in the second round of the selection process which is a consecutive interpretation test.
- The results of the short-listed candidates will be announced to all applicants within approximately two weeks after the application deadline date.
- The interpretation tests will be held online via Zoom. Duration is about 30 minutes (45 minutes for those who apply for 3 or more languages).
- The interpretation test will be conducted in late October or early November. Details will be shared after your application is submitted.

■Step 3: Interviews

- After interpretation test, short-listed candidates will be invited to take part in two separate interviews. The first is to check your understanding of Peace Boat and the volunteer interpreter position, and the second to check your personality and suitability to the position.
- The interview will be held online via Zoom. Duration is about 30-40 minutes.
- The interviews will be scheduled between late October and early December. You will be informed further when you proceed to the second step.

■Results and Training

- Selection results will be announced by the end of December.
- Interpreting training for successful candidates will begin from February, 2025 (approximately once a week for 2 hours, via Zoom). Details will be explained to successful candidates.

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