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Voluntary Service

Foreigners can apply for this type of visa if they have already signed a contract for a “Bundesfreiwilligendienst” or “Jugendfreiwilligendienst (Freiwilliges Soziales Jahr (FSJ) oder Freiwilliges Ökologisches Jahr (FÖJ))”.

You are required to present a valid passport (min. validity 6 months).

The following documents must be presented to the Embassy during your appointment. Make sure to handover only complete applications.

Submitted

- Filled in application form (national visa) + declaration form
- 3 biometric passport photos (not older than 6 months)
- Copy of all pages of your passport (A4 size copy)
- Motivation letter including details about your planned vocational training (sector, region, intended place in Germany) + CV
- O/L & A/L examination certificates (authenticated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment & Tourism)
- Additional documents and certificates (e.g. of former employments, trainings)
- Contract / agreement on your voluntary service in Germany:**
 - “Bundesfreiwilligendienst“:
Signed by you and the “Bundesamt für Familie und zivilgesellschaftliche Aufgaben (BAFzA)”, the intended work place (“Einsatzstelle”), the central office (“Zentralstelle”) and if applicable by the responsible body (“Träger”)



- “Jugendfreiwilligendienst (Freiwilliges Soziales Jahr (FSJ) oder Freiwilliges Ökologisches Jahr (FÖJ))”: Signed by you, the responsible body (“Träger”) and if applicable by the intended work place (“Einsatzstelle”)
 - If the contract does not contain details of your accommodation and meals, please provide additional and suitable proof of means of subsistence.
 - A1 certificate issued by the Goethe Institut

Please prepare two identical application sets with the above-mentioned documents copied and bring all your original certificates along. Moreover, every set has to be sorted already in the correct order as showed above!

Fee: EUR 75 (to be paid in Rs., by credit card or cash) – no refund in case of rejection! Conversion into Rs. is made based on the exchange rate at the time of application.

As your application will also be forwarded to the competent immigration authorities in Germany, processing will take at least several weeks.

During that time no status inquiries are answered. Please refrain from contacting us during the procedure of your application.

Note further:

False or falsified documents will lead to the refusal of the visa and / or further consequences.

Incomplete applications may result in refusal. Complete documentation does not guarantee a visa approval.

The German Embassy Colombo reserves the right to ask for additional documents and / or call applicant for additional information or interview.



Embassy
of the Federal Republic of Germany
Colombo