



# QuEST Intern Application

This application will be reviewed by members of the Admissions Subcommittee, which consists of at least one volunteer member of the QuEST Committee, at least two current QuEST interns, and the QuEST Coordinator. The Admissions committee will then select applicants for phone interviews, after which we select ten or twelve finalists who will be interviewed by the sites. Your resume and responses to the Interests and Experience section will be sent to potential placement sites at that time. (Community Life and Beliefs essays will not be forwarded to the sites, but will be read by the Admissions Committee only.) A matching process, based upon service site selections and intern preferences, will determine final placement in the program.

A complete application includes this coveragepage, answers to the 9 short essay questions, 2 letters of reference, and a current resume. **The application must be received by 5pm (pst) March 1, 2010.**

Send completed applications and any questions to: Julian O'Reilly, QuEST Coordinator  
[coordinator@quest-seattle.org](mailto:coordinator@quest-seattle.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender Identity: \_\_\_\_\_ How did you learn about QuEST? \_\_\_\_\_

Present address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_

Person to notify in case of emergency: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Education: list post-secondary schools attended, beginning with most recent. (A college degree is required for most, but not all, placements.)

School	Location	Dates attended

**Short Essay Section** - Please answer the following questions **in approximately 3 pages**, single spaced.

**Interests and Experience:**

1. Why are you seeking service with QuEST? How does QuEST fit into your long-term goals?
2. Please highlight the skills and experiences you would bring to this program.
3. What do you feel are your strengths and weaknesses as a candidate?

**Community Life and Beliefs:**

(Please note these essays will not be forwarded to your potential service sites.)

4. Describe past experiences living and working in community. What have you learned about yourself, and what do you expect from your fellow community members?
5. The QuEST interns share one food budget, and are encouraged to share meals. What is your philosophy around food? What compromises are you willing to make around food?
6. Is there anything we should know about you so that we can ensure the community supports your experience in this program?
7. QuEST is committed to traditional Quaker testimonies of peace, simplicity, truthfulness, equality. Describe the role these values play in your life.
8. We seek interns from all walks of life. How do you see yourself living in community with people of different sexual orientations, gender identities, races, and religions?
9. Please discuss your basic moral and/or spiritual beliefs.

**Please attach a current resume.**

**References**

Please include two letters of reference with your application, one should be professional, one personal. Reference letters should include the nature and length of your relationship. Ask them to comment (as they are able) on your emotional strengths, your motivation and initiative, your skill in interpersonal relationships, your strengths and weaknesses, and your ability to work independently.