CLS VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Chumkriel Language School (CLS).

We value our volunteers highly and aim for a cooperative and enriching experience for both our volunteers and for our school community. Volunteers help our staff learn new skills and help them increase their confidence and abilities.

We trust you have read our Volunteer Information <https://chumkriellanguageschool.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

Volunteering main points

* The main role for volunteers at CLS is to support and assist (but not replace) our Cambodian teachers in the classroom.
* Volunteers work alongside our English speaking Cambodian staff in a support role, either working with the class as a whole or with smaller groups. As such, fluency in English is a requirement as classes are taught in English.
* Our students really enjoy meeting volunteers, and they especially like reading books and conversing in English. These tasks are ideal for volunteers. Students and staff also appreciate the cultural exchange, as well as other skills that volunteers bring.
* Volunteers can help our teachers with sport and outdoor education, art and craft, gardening and growing vegetables, library and IT activities.
* A minimum two-week commitment is required for classroom assistance volunteering.

Other points to be mindful of:

* Please apply at least three months before your proposed arrival date to allow us to consider your placement.
* Please be mindful of school holidays and Cambodian public holidays and traditional festivals, when the school may be closed for extended periods of time.
* Please familiarise yourself with Cambodian culture and customs, for example [here](https://chumkriellanguageschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/An-Introduction-to-Khmer-Culture-and-Language.pdf) (‘An introduction to Khmer culture and language’ our website).
* Acceptance of volunteers is at the full discretion of our principal, Mr Thy. Please complete and submit this document to Mr Thy: [clskampot@gmail.com](mailto:clskampot@gmail.com)
* An interview via video link (Zoom) with Mr Thy and a board member is mandatory.

Please fill in the form on the following pages —>

Personal Details

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| Full name (as appears on passport) |  |
| Preferred name |  |
| Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY) |  |
| E-mail address |  |
| Proposed volunteering period |  |

What is your reason for volunteering at our school?

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What do you hope to achieve by volunteering at our school?

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Especially for longer-term volunteers: how will you be able to support yourself during the time you are a volunteer (financially, accommodation)?

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What else do you want to see and do during your time in Cambodia?

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Skills and Area of Interest

To give us an idea of your areas of skill and interest please tick some of the boxes below to guide us:

☐ English language

☐ Art and craft activities

☐ Sport and outdoor education

☐ Handyman/odd jobs/gardening

☐ Library, administration, IT, submission/grant writing

☐ Other (provide details below)

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Professional experience and skills

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Volunteering Experience

Have you volunteered in Cambodia before?

☐ NO

☐ YES

If Yes: Where and with which organisation?

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Have you worked with children before?

☐ NO

☐ YES

If Yes: Where and in what capacity?

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Ages of children you worked with

Have you taught English as a second language (ESL) or as an additional language or dialect (EAL/D) before?

☐NO

☐YES

If Yes: Where and in what capacity?

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Ages of students taught

Are you prepared to apply for a police check and ‘working with children' card?

☐NO

☐YES

If no, why not?

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Referees

Please provide contact details of two people who know you well enough to give comment about your suitability for this role. They could be your teachers, employers, or simply non-personal references.

1. Name: Relationship:

Phone number: Email:

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Checklist:

☐ Completed application form

☐ Contact details of two referees

The following further documentation will be required if your application is accepted:

Police clearance, Health/Travel Insurance, Copy of passport.

If there are any changes to your plans, please let us know as early as possible.

Please contact [clskampot@gmail.com](mailto:clskampot@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns.