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Dear Youth Service Provider,

Enclosed are some materials regarding a unique opportunity of summer job training and education for Alaskans age 16-24. SAGA is a non-profit organization that runs the Serve Alaska Youth Corps (SAYC), a program to help young Alaskans learn how to make positive choices while gaining job and life skills. SAYC is not a treatment program, our participants are here because they want to be and just need a little help to stay on the right track. If you know of a young adult who could benefit from a summer of travel and service and working and living outdoors, someone who can work well in a team and just needs some healthy opportunities, then this could be the job for them! Space is limited and those who apply early do have a better chance of enrollment.

Please feel free to post and distribute the enclosed materials as you see fit within your organization and community. If you have questions, or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Thank you so much,

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P.S. If you need additional applications, they can be found on our website at www.servealaska.org, click on Openings.



*Improving lives, land, and communities in Alaska
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Helping people make the connection between what they learn and how they live

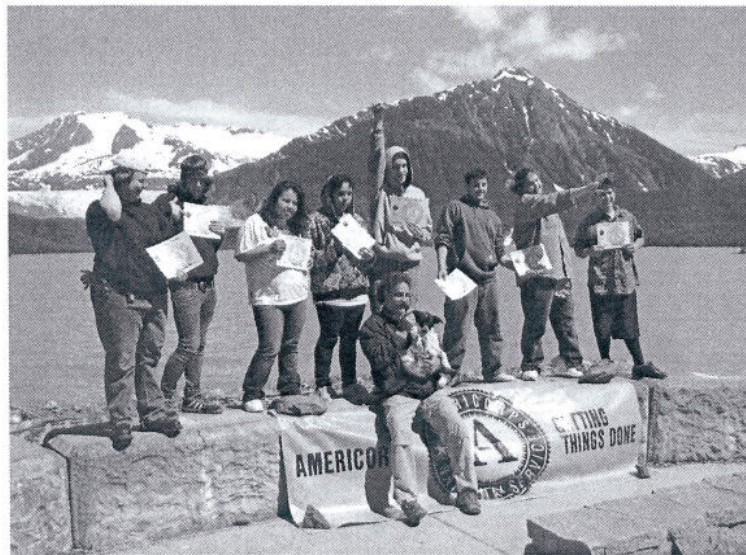


Who are SAYC Crew Members?



SAGA's Serve Alaska Youth Corps (SAYC) members are:

- ◇ **Age 16-24**
- ◇ **Alaskan Residents**
- ◇ **Serve from June 8 – August 17, 2009**
- ◇ **Interested in making positive life choices while learning life and work skills**



The term: Projects are located throughout Alaska. SAYC crews serve on projects during the day, engage in educational/skill building activities nightly, and recreate as a team on weekends. Crews live and work outdoors and in all weather conditions!

**Want to know more? Contact Mary Ullman at 1-800-789-6172
Or email at recruiter@servealaska.org**



Serve Alaska Youth Corps Crew Member Application

SAGA

PO Box 33037 Juneau AK 99803 1-800-789-6172

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Thank you for applying to be a Crew Member with SAGA's Serve Alaska Youth Corps (SAYC)! Please fill out this application neatly and completely and fax or mail to the address above. The earlier we receive your application, the better your chances of being offered a position. You will also need to have two references from non-family members (reference forms are attached). If you have questions, please give us a call!

Applicant Information

Name (First, M, Last): _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

★ If under 18 on June 8, 2009:

★ Parent/Guardian name: _____

★ Parent/Guardian Phone: Home: _____ Work: _____

HS Diploma: Yes No GED: Yes No Last Grade Completed _____

Are you currently enrolled in school/GED program? Yes No

If yes, name and location _____

Reference Information

In addition to having two non-family references fill out and mail in the attached reference form, please list the contact information for three people who know you, preferably teachers, supervisors, or counselors (they can be the same people you give your reference forms to)

Name: _____ How do they know you: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____ How do they know you: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Background Information

SAGA's SAYC program is designed to help Alaskan youth gain work and life skills and make the transition to employment or further education. SAYC is not a treatment program. Projects may be remote and crew life stressful; it is important that our Crew Members are physically, mentally and emotionally capable of participating. If you need additional space to answer any of the questions below, please attach a piece of paper.

Have you been convicted of a crime or have pending charges? Yes No

If yes, explain: _____

Have you been treated for mental health, substance abuse, or violence issues in the last three years? Yes No In the last twelve months? Yes No

If yes to either, were you enrolled in a treatment program? Yes No

If yes, did you complete the program? Yes No

If no, why not? _____

Name of any mental health, substance abuse or behavior issue service provider organization you've been to: _____

Primary counselor/caregiver: _____ Phone: _____

★ You will need to contact your service provider to provide a release of information to SAGA

★★ Offenses or treatment do not necessarily exclude you from consideration, however failure to disclose such information may result in ineligibility to serve with SAGA/AmeriCorps

SAYC members will travel with their crew for the duration of the season. Members are required to participate in outdoor physical labor, educational activities and crew chores. Work can include trail work (such as hauling, lifting, and peeling logs, shoveling gravel; highway work (hauling brush); invasive species removal (pulling weeds) and more. Training will be provided on use of tools and other work techniques. Power tool use is limited to members 18 and over.

Are you willing and able to participate in activities that require you to:

Hike up to 10 miles a day? Yes No

Work with hand and/or power tools? Yes No

Work and live in the outdoors in all weather conditions? Yes No

Spend three months away from home? Yes No

Participate in education and group activities? Yes No

Work/Activities

Have you previously served with SAGA/AmeriCorps? Yes No If yes, when: _____

If not with SAGA, with whom?: _____

What was your last job? _____ When? _____

Supervisor Name and Phone Number _____

What activities have you participated / are you interested in? (sports, clubs, volunteering, etc)

SAYC PROGRAM

APPLICANT COMMITMENT STATEMENT TERM IS FROM JUNE 8 TO AUGUST 17 2009

- 1 I understand that I am required to **attend** and **participate** in all aspects of the SAYC program in order to maintain my term of service. This includes a one week orientation, being in the field for most of the whole summer, and graduation.

- 2 I understand that I must abide by **SAGA's four "Non-Negotiables"** during service hours, while participating in SAGA activities, while on SAGA property, and while in the field with SAGA (24 hours a day).
 - **No violence (physical or verbal)**
 - **No drug or alcohol use**
 - **No stealing**
 - **No sexual conduct**

I understand that violation of any of these is grounds for **immediate dismissal**.

- 3 I understand that I must bring a **valid state ID, AND a Social Security card OR certified Birth Certificate** or I am not eligible to serve.

- 4 I understand that if I'm offered a position with Serve Alaska Youth Corps program, I am responsible for paying my way to & from the orientation site.

- 5 I understand that if I am under 18, I must have parent signatures on all appropriate forms or I will not be able to serve.

- 6 I understand that if I'm hired for the summer program and leave it (on own or if fired), that I will pay for my travel from the project site to my Alaskan community.

I certify that the information given in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsifying information is grounds for dismissal. I understand and agree to the participation requirements of the SAYC program

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature, if applicant is under
the age of 18

Date

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Serve Alaska Youth Corps
Crew Member Reference Form

SAGA

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This form should be completed by an adult who is not a relative and knows the applicant well, such as a teacher, counselor, employer, group leader, coach or administrator. This form must be completed and mailed to the SAGA office before a position can be offered. Completed reference forms can be turned in with your application or your references can mail them in to us at the address listed above.

Applicant:

Please fill out the below information before giving to your reference.

Applicant Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Reference: _____

The above named individual is applying to be a Crew Member with SAGA's Serve Alaska Youth Corps (SAYC). SAYC Crew Members spend two and a half months performing service projects in communities and on public lands. **The nature of the work involves hard physical labor, living and working outdoors in all weather conditions, and participating as a contributing member of a team.** The experience is very demanding physically, mentally and emotionally. Please keep this in mind in your assessment of the applicant's capabilities and limitations. Candid responses are expected and help SAGA make hiring decisions with the best interest of the youth we serve in mind. Attach additional comments if necessary. You may be contacted for follow-up information.

Reference:

Please fill out the information below and either return to the applicant or mail in to the address above.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. Please comment on the applicant's-

Maturity/Independence:

Ability to follow directions:

Is a hard worker:

Ability to deal with stress/conflict:

Has a good sense of humor:

3. Describe 2-3 of the applicant's strengths:

4. Describe one area the applicant can grow and/or improve in:

5. Use this space for any additional information regarding the applicant's qualifications:

Reference Name _____

Profession/Title _____

Telephone _____ **Email** _____

I recommend the applicant for a position with the Serve Alaska Youth Corps

Yes, without reservation Yes, with some reservations No

Reference Signature _____ **Date** _____