



Arab Youth Volunteering for a Better Future

Guidelines and Application

Youth Volunteering Award

The Youth Volunteering Award aims to recognize young volunteers' efforts and achievements, while informing the general public on the impact and importance of volunteering and highlighting the contributions of volunteers in peace and development, through short stories or articles that illustrate the "success stories" of participants. In order to participate in the Youth Volunteering Award, the participants, aged between 18-29 years, will submit a short story on their volunteer experience. The story, which can be submitted in written format or in video, in Arabic, French or English, should follow the below guidelines:

Share with us your inspiring story that shows the transformational power of volunteerism in the Arab states. The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is particularly interested in stories from volunteers in inspiring and creative roles, in which the volunteer has made a real contribution to peace or development in his/her community.

1. Write and introduction (200 words) or record a video of no more than 2 minutes, about the context, focusing on:
 - A brief description of the volunteer.
 - The local context: some facts & figures of the geographic area you are volunteering in.
 - The organization/support structure that you are working with.

2. Write the body of the story (400 words) or record a video of no more than 3 minutes, about your experience, keeping the following things in mind:
 - Your before / after experience. How did the volunteer experience change you? How did you learn and grow from the experience?
 - Your role as a youth in the project. Did being young help/hinder your contribution?
 - The 'bigger picture' – how does your experience help the development of your community? What are the lasting results?
 - How has your experience inspired others to volunteers?
 - How many volunteers were involved in your initiative?
 - How many people/beneficiaries have you reached through your volunteer activity?
 - How can your volunteer initiative be replicated to other parts of the country or the region?
 - Personal quotes, from both the beneficiaries and yourself.

3. Share at least three pictures which clearly show:
 - Yourself at work in your volunteer activity / project.
 - The project or community you are volunteering in.
 - An image related to the project or to your experience as a volunteer.

The photos should come with captions, including:

- a. Date of the photograph
- b. Location of the photograph
- c. Names of the main subject(s)
- d. Job titles and organizations represented, of the main subjects
- e. A brief description of the activities shown
- f. Name of the photographer/credits

The photos must be in high resolution (approx. 5184 x 3456)

4. In case of video submission: the video must not be longer than 3 minutes, in .mp4, .wmv or .avi format. The video will be shared through a Dropbox or Wetransfer link, sent to the below contact details. The video will have to include the information requested above. If you submit a video, please fill in sections 1, 2 and 3 of the below application form. You will still have to submit three photographs as described above.



Send us the story, by filling in the attached application form, and attaching it to YouthVolunteerAwardEgypt@gmail.com before 30th of June, with the subject: **Youth Volunteering Award + your name** Please also attach 3 photos, in high resolution. If you are sharing a video, please send it via www.wetransfer.com or Dropbox to the above email address.

We look forward to receiving your inspiring stories, and good luck!

