

## **APPLICATION FORM**

### **2023 AMAA SUMMER INTERNSHIP TO ARMENIA | July 8 – July 22, 2023**

*Arrive no later than July 7, Depart July 22*

**Thank you for your interest in this Program. Candidates will be selected on a first come, first served basis. Space is limited. Applicants entering their senior year of High School all the way through post-college (18-30 years-old) will be considered.**

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#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Kindly return the completed and signed application form, along with a copy of the first page of your Passport, Passport Photo, and Sealed Pastor's Recommendation to Pastor Joseph Garabedian of the St. Nareg Armenian Church, no later than the due date: May 1, 2023.

#### **Checklist:**

- Completed and Signed Application
- First Page of Passport
- Passport Photo
- Sealed Pastor's Recommendation

Please fill this form carefully. We ask that you print it, sign the portion at the end and either email a copy to Pastor Joseph Garabedian at [josephgarabedian@yahoo.com](mailto:josephgarabedian@yahoo.com) or the mail it to the address below.

**St. Nareg Armenian Church**  
**ATTN: Pastor Joseph Garabedian**  
**P.O. Box 280**  
**Montebello CA 90640 - USA**  
323.721.0059

You will be notified of your acceptance within one month of receiving your application. For any questions, please email AMAA at [info@amaa.org](mailto:info@amaa.org), or contact Pastor Garabedian at [josephgarabedian@yahoo.com](mailto:josephgarabedian@yahoo.com) or call 323-721-0059. Once accepted and notified, interns are encouraged to contact Sako at Sidon Travel for travel arrangements by calling [1-800-826-7960](tel:1-800-826-7960) or emailing [sako@sidontravel.com](mailto:sako@sidontravel.com).

#### **EXPECTATIONS:**

Are you aware this is a Mission Trip and may require physical labor or work you may not want to do, but are asked to participate and cooperate with your group?

Yes\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Are you willing to be involved in the daily plans with a positive attitude?

Yes\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

*If you have answered yes to all questions listed above, please move on to pages 2-7.*

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

First and last name: (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Class/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have Facebook, please include your Facebook Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have Instagram, please include your Instagram Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have WhatsApp, please include your WhatsApp Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to possibly give up some of your personal comforts and preferences for the benefit of the program and the intern group? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Have you ever traveled outside of the United States? If so, when and where?

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**CHURCH INVOLVEMENT:**

*About how often do you attend:*

- 1. Your local Church's Worship Service

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- 2. Sunday School / Church Youth Group

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- 3. Other Ministry (Camps etc.)

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**LANGUAGE:**

- 1. Do you speak Armenian? (Please Check One)      Fluently \_\_\_ Limited \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

- 2. Do you read/write Armenian? (Please Check One)      Fluently \_\_\_ Limited \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**HEALTH:**

Do you have any health concerns that may affect your ability to fully participate in the program? If so, please list them below:

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Have you ever participated in service projects such as: volunteer programs, church missions, community projects? If so, please describe them and include dates of participation. You may use more space elsewhere if needed.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:**

List any qualifications you may have in the following areas. Please include dates and a brief description.

Group Leader:

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Camp Counselor:

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Sunday School / Bible Study Teacher:

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VBS Leader:

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Other:

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**TALENTS:**

List any talents or gifts you might have in the following areas. Please provide details.

Musical Instrument:

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Briefly describe what you do to cultivate and grow your walk with Jesus. What are some practices you have found uniquely helpful to shape and form your Christian life?

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Describe 2 ways how God has challenged you this year and invited you to grow in faith.

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What Spiritual Gifts do you sense God has given you to serve His family?

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In your own words, describe what you think a missionary does/is.

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How would you define Armenian Identity and what interests you about serving the Armenian Church here in the states and abroad in Armenia?

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Have you reviewed the Interns' Guide of what to expect on page 6 and 7 of this application?  
Yes\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

*\*Please include a copy of your Sealed Pastor's Recommendation.*

**By signing below, you are indicating that the information provided is truthful and accurate and that you have reviewed the Intern's Guide on the last page.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**ARMENIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**  
**SUMMER INTERNSHIP TO ARMENIA**  
**JULY 8 – JULY 22, 2023**  
**INTERNS' GUIDE**

**Expectations:**

1. Involvement and full participation with a positive attitude are expected of all interns in all activities. A relative or friend may ask you to break away from the group, but your primary responsibility is to stay with the internship group. There will be free time in your schedule, so please do not wander off on your own or plan other unauthorized outings outside of those free times. If you have any questions, please ask your leaders. Keep the lines of communication open.
2. All interns must adhere to these guidelines. You will be held responsible for your actions.

**Packing:**

1. Bring your Bible, a notebook and pen. You will want to record your experiences and reflections on what God is teaching you as it happens. This will also help you complete the daily blog each intern will contribute to.
2. Bring things you would need when camping, such as a flashlight, and bug spray.
3. Linens, towels, and pillows will be provided.
4. Be aware bringing expensive cameras, electronic devices, phones, computers, jewelry, or any valuables that you may lose is at your own risk.
5. NOTE: Electricity is 220-240V, 50 Hz, and the plug is an assortment of European styles.
6. You might want to bring small games, like Uno or playing cards.
7. We suggest that you bring a hip pack, money belt, or small backpack in which you can carry your spending money and still have your hands free.
8. Bring extra Power Banks for charging your phones.

**Clothing:**

1. Shorts may be OK if you are playing with the children at camp or other activities but have jeans or other slacks for the rest of the time. Jeans are not appropriate at church.
2. Your clothing should not be short, revealing, or tight. Any time you go to a church, your shoulders should be covered, and shorts are not appropriate. Bring a moderate-length dress or skirt. Slacks or appropriately length shorts are OK daily. Blouses or tops should cover your midriff, shoulders, and chest.
3. Bring comfortable walking shoes (closed toe), and a pair of dressier shoes for worship services or celebratory events. Flip-flops are good for indoors & bathroom trips.
4. Bring a jacket/sweatsuit for cool evenings.

**Medication & Hygiene:**

1. Bring antibacterial hand wipes or alcohol-based hand sanitizer (containing at least 60% alcohol), sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher), Chapstick, extra contact lenses.

2. Bring deodorant and packs of moist towelettes. There is a chance the power electrical outlet for AC can shut off or you may not be able to shower every day.
3. Bring your toothpaste and toothbrush. Be careful to use drinking water (bottled) when you brush your teeth. Bottles will be provided.
4. Armenia is at a high altitude, and the sun is very hot. Be sure to have a hat you can keep with you and use. You may also bring extra money for extra hydration.
5. We will be doing a lot of traveling by bus and car on very twisty roads. If you tend to get carsick (or even if you don't), bring some anti-nausea medicine.
6. Make sure you have visited your doctor and gotten the recommended shots. An up-to-date tetanus shot is the most important. Wash your hands often and cover your cough or sneezes.
7. We recommend you bring medicine for upset stomach and a roll or two of toilet paper and tissues.
8. Bring the prescription medicines you take every day. Make sure you have enough to last during your trip. Keep them in their original prescription bottles and always in your carry-on luggage. Please bring extra in case you lose it. Carry copies of all prescriptions, including their generic names.

### **Conditions:**

1. No alcohol consumption.
2. No smoking.
3. While there, drink bottled or boiled water only. Drink lots of fluids to avoid heatstroke or dehydration.
4. Clothes-washing facilities will be very, very limited. You may even have to wash your clothes by hand.
5. Remember, modest apparel is the rule, especially in Armenia. You are representing your families and churches.
6. The food will be the local cuisine. The people there will give you the best they have, but it may not be the variety to which you are accustomed. Be a gracious guest. Bring non-refrigerated foods, e.g., packages of cheese & crackers, M&Ms, PowerBars, Balance Bars, a small jar of peanut butter, etc., anything that you need to snack on regularly.
7. Some of the areas you visit will be very poor. Do your best to focus on the reason you are there – to share the love of Christ, not to feel guilty or sorry for others. Even if you don't know the language, a smile will go a long way in communicating that love and hope.
8. Treat the furniture with respect. If you break something, immediately report it to the leadership.
9. Public displays of affection, particularly between interns, are not welcome.
10. Be careful with social interaction with the opposite gender among the local population. Do not be forward with them and be careful when they are forward with you. Treat them respectfully.
11. The rooms will be clean when we arrive. We are expected to keep them clean during our stay. We will also clean our rooms when we leave. Cleaning supplies will be provided by the staff.
12. Treat the staff with respect, like your brothers and sisters (which they are!).
13. Do not ask the staff for services such as washing your laundry. There is a washing machine available for use at the AMAA Center. Clothes may need to be air-dried.
14. After you eat, please help return the dishes to the kitchen.
15. Maintain the cleanliness of the dining area, the kitchen and toilets.
16. Do not speak loudly or put on loud music.