
ASPIRATION STATEMENT AND PRE-DEPARTURE RÉSUMÉ

Now that you have accepted your assignment, you know more about your country of service and the type of work you will be doing. The staff in your country of service wants to learn about the expectations, experiences, skills, education, and language ability that you will bring to your assigned project.

When you applied to the Peace Corps, you submitted a résumé and a motivation statement. We request that you revise these two documents, tailoring them to your specific project and post. As you complete these documents, be sure to refer to your [country's website](#) for specific information on your country, project, training, and life as a Volunteer. Please make your documents professional, complete, and current. Consider this your introduction to your Peace Corps post!

- ▶ **Submit your aspiration statement and updated résumé within two weeks.**

Aspiration Statement

Please submit an aspiration statement in the format described on the second page of this document (no more than two pages). Peace Corps staff will use this aspiration statement in preparation for your arrival and may use it for future reference during the course of your service. Include the following information in the aspiration statement:

- Your expectations for service and how you see yourself working in your assigned project
- A description of your strategies for adapting to a new culture
- How you expect your service to further your personal and professional goals

Pre-departure Résumé

Please submit a revised résumé (no more than two pages) in the format described on the second page of this document. It is important that you update and tailor your résumé to include information about your background and work history as it relates to your assigned project.

Please include the following information in your résumé:

- All professional and volunteer experience relevant to your assignment, especially experience gained since you applied to the Peace Corps. Include any experience interests, or hobbies that may be useful in your project
- Degree earned and the institutions where they were earned. Include certificates and awards earned, as well as recent, relevant publications
- Education and training relevant to your assignment including formal and informal coursework and vocational training
- Foreign language study. Include duration of study, location and context of study, and, if applicable, specify the length of time you have spent living and speaking the language(s) in a foreign country

Make sure that your name, country of service, and date of departure are on all pages of your résumé and aspiration statement. You are encouraged to keep copies for your records.

- ▶ **Save your documents (ONLY .doc or .pdf accepted) with the following naming conventions:**

LastNameFirstname_Resume_2018.10.05

(Year.Month.Day)

LastNameFirstname_Aspiration_2018.10.05

(Year.Month.Day)

- ▶ **Upload instructions**

1. Log in to your [Applicant Portal](#)
2. Navigate to "Dashboard" and select "Profile"
3. Click on the "My Files" tab
4. Navigate to "Other Document"
5. Choose "Aspiration Statement," "Browse," then select and upload your aspiration statement
6. Choose "Pre-departure Resume," "Browse," then select and upload your resume

If you have any questions or concerns, please email your country desk officer at country@peacecorps.gov. E.g.: Malawi@peacecorps.gov



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1. Please submit your aspiration statement in the format shown to the right.

Save the document using the following naming convention in Word or pdf format: LastnameFirstname_Aspiration_Year.Month.Day (SmithJohn_Aspiration_2017.12.05).

Section One:

Under the title Aspiration Statement, type your name, country of service, and staging date.

Section Two:

Your aspiration statement should describe your expectations about your Peace Corps service and assigned project, your strategies for adapting to a new culture, and how you expect your service to further your personal and professional goals.

Now that you have read more information about your host country and assignment, please tell us about:

A: Three professional attributes that you plan to use during your Peace Corps service and how these will help you fulfill your aspirations and commitment to service.

B: Identify two strategies for working effectively with host country partners to meet expressed needs.

C: Your strategy for adapting to a new culture with respect to your own cultural background.

D: The skills and knowledge you hope to gain during pre- service training and throughout your service to best serve your future community and project.

E: How you think Peace Corps service will influence your personal and professional aspirations after your service ends.

ASPIRATION STATEMENT

Name
Country of Service
Staging Date

A:
B:
C:
D:
E:

2. Please submit your résumé in the format shown to the right.

Save the document using the following naming convention in Word or pdf format: LastnameFirstname_Resume_Year.Month.Day (SmithJohn_Resume_2017.12.05)

Section One:

Type your name, contact information, country of service, and staging date.

Section Two:

Use these headings: Experience, Degree, Training, Foreign Languages, and Personal Interest/Hobbies. List them in bullet points as shown.

Name
Address
Phone Number/Email
Country of Service
Staging Date

Experience

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Training

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Foreign Languages

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Personal Interest/Hobbies

