



BETTER ENGLISH STUDENT TEACHERS (BEST)

January 7-12, 2013

Teacher Application

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The United States Embassy is recruiting teachers for a one-week English teaching camp January 7-12, 2013. The third “Better English Student Teachers” (BEST) camp is a continuing initiative that the U.S. Embassy offers to students majoring in English for secondary education. The objective of this program is to provide an in-country total immersion English course experience where participants will be exposed to accurate English in authentic contexts and where they will communicate with one another only in English, thus enhancing their language skills for real-world interactions. In addition, participants will learn about different aspects of American culture in order to develop a better understanding of the United States and its people. In the short term, participants will gain confidence in their ability to use English for their academic preparation before graduation and in the long term, they will be better equipped to communicate in English language teaching settings.

The BEST staff is formed of committed and professional English language teachers from both Nicaragua and the United States of America. All qualified English teachers interested in teaching in the BEST camp are encouraged to apply to this program. The selected teachers will work in coordination with Peace Corps Volunteers during the camp, offering the opportunity to co-teach and learn from each other about different aspects of American and Nicaraguan cultures.

PROGRAM DATES: January 7-12, 2013

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 5, 2012

Applications are available at the U.S. Embassy web site:

http://nicaragua.usembassy.gov/pas_best_summer_camp_2013.html

Please submit application to: ManaguaEnglishCamps@state.gov

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- English language teacher with at least three years of teaching experience
- Minimum TOEFL score of 500
- Completed application with requested documents

SELECTION PROCESS

Teachers will be selected through an open, merit-based competition. The U.S. Embassy will review all eligible applications and a committee will make the final selection of candidates. Top candidates will be called for a telephone interview.

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REQUESTED DOCUMENTS

1. Completed application
2. Curriculum Vitae in English
3. One page essay discussing why you want to teach in the BEST Camp
4. Letter of recommendation from someone who has evaluated your work

Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered.

For questions, please contact:

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1. NAME (AS IN OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS): _____
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Family Name)

2. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP: _____

3. COUNTRY OF LEGAL RESIDENCE: _____

4. PLACE OF BIRTH: _____
(City or Town) (Country)

5. DATE OF BIRTH: _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6. GENDER: Male _____ Female _____

7. CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS:

City: _____ Phone 1: () _____

Phone 2: () _____ Email: _____

Emergency contact/Alternate telephone: () _____

9. CURRENT WORK INFORMATION:

Name of School/Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Department: _____

Telephone: () _____ Alternate telephone: () _____

Fax: () _____ Email: _____

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Current work information continued...

Position/Title: _____ Is this a full time position? Yes ___ No ___

Shift: Morning _____ Afternoon _____

Length of Employment: _____

Grade Level Currently Teaching: _____

Age Range of Students Currently Teaching: _____

Teaching Load (Number of Hours/Week in Subject Area): _____

Duties:

Total number of years teaching/working in your profession: _____

10. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Please list all universities, institutes, and special academic programs you are currently attending or have attended, with the most recent listed first.

Name of Institution	Dates (month/year - month/year)	Degree obtained	Area
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

11. ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE AND ACTIVITIES:

Please tell us below what activities you have pursued in the past five years to maintain your professional training. Include those items that you believe will give us an example of your current contribution to the educational system and your future potential. For example, list professional organizations of which you are a member, professional conferences you have attended, or any relevant community or volunteer activities.

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12. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Please answer why you wish to teach in the BEST Camp. Your response gives the selection committee an opportunity to understand you better as a person and teacher, and learn more about your ideas, goals, and reasons for applying to the program.

Please type the statement in no more than 350 words and attach to this application.

I certify that I completed this application myself, without any aid or assistance, that the information given in this application is complete and accurate, and that I have carefully read and understand all notes and disclaimers provided therein.

I understand that the U.S. Embassy reserves the right to verify all of the information listed in the application. I understand that giving false or misleading information in the application will result in exclusion from the competition or immediate dismissal from the BEST camp program.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____

DATE: _____