



# PADMASAMBHAVA PEACE INSTITUTE

## VOLUNTEER PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

*This is an application to volunteer in a private community run on spiritual principles. For the health and safety of all current and potential community members, we would like to ask some personal questions, since you will be part of a residential group in direct daily contact with one another. All information you give is held in the strictest confidence. Thank you for taking the time to complete this form in as much detail as possible. If you need to write more, please attach a separate piece of paper.*

*Please note that the minimum age for volunteers is 21 years. Padmasambhava Peace Institute is a non-smoking, drug-free facility. We regret we cannot accept volunteers with alcohol issues or who currently smoke or use any form of recreational drug or who have recently quit using.*

**PLEASE BE SURE TO WRITE CLEARLY OR USE BLOCK CAPITALS! THANK YOU.**

### **SECTION 1 -- PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Full legal name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name which you like to be called: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M / F Marital status: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any children or dependents? If yes, please give age and relationship to you:

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How did you hear about the Padmasambhava Peace Institute or Ati Ling?

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Date which you are available to start volunteering: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred/estimated period of time you would like to volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a car you would drive while staying at PPI, with full auto insurance? Y / N

Do you have health insurance? Y / N If yes, until what date? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any financial considerations that are pertinent to your volunteering at PPI, eg do you have some kind of income, or will you need to earn part-time income?

Please give brief details of any other obligations that you anticipate having to take into account while volunteering, eg family visits (eg be with parents/children), education/study, medical care, spiritual practices, etc

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**SECTION 2 -- INTERESTS, ASPIRATIONS & SKILLS**

*We would like to know more about your personal interests and why you would like to be part of our community.*

Why are you looking for a placement in a community at this time?

What attracted you to apply for a volunteer position specifically at PPI?

What experience have you had with Buddhism or other spiritual/religious traditions?

Have you ever lived in community before? If so, please give details.

From what you know of our community, what are your hopes and what are your expectations for the time you would spend at PPI?

Work in our community is variable. Do you have skills in any particular areas? (E.g. cooking, gardening, landscaping, construction, fine arts, music, use of audio-visual eqpt and software, website maintenance)

Our community is located 40 minutes from the nearest town (Guerneville/Jenner) Although we have internet access and radio, there is no television, and we do not go into town more than once or twice a week. How do you feel about the benefits and challenges of this kind of rural life-style?

We all have strengths and weaknesses. What do you consider to be your weaknesses?

What do you consider to be your strengths?

Any other information about yourself that you would like to share:

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**SECTION 3 -- HEALTH AND SAFETY**

*The Padmasambhava Peace Institute is not able to accommodate those coping with withdrawal, unresolved emotional issues or diagnosed psychological disorders. Please do not apply if you have recently quit smoking or using other drugs, or if you have recently begun a recovery program.*

*As stated before, all information you give is treated as strictly confidential. If the answer to any of the questions is 'yes', please give details.*

Work at PPI includes physical work to maintain the buildings and property. Please describe your physical capabilities (eg fitness level, any limitations) and how that would affect your handling of outdoor work/lifting/gardening etc.

Do you follow a particular diet that you would also keep to at PPI? (eg vegetarian, vegan, raw, gluten-free, kosher, macrobiotic, etc)

Do you have any chronic illness or health issues? (including allergies, degenerative diseases, chronic pain etc)

Are you taking any prescription or over-the-counter medication for any purpose?

Are you currently or have you been under the care of a mental health professional?

Have you ever been diagnosed with any mental health condition, or spent time in an institutional setting?

Have you ever had abuse or addiction issues with alcohol, drugs, nicotine or prescribed drugs? *(Answering 'yes' does not automatically rule out your application. We also welcome those who have overcome substance addiction, whether through recovery programs or by other means)*

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? *(Please note that we use local and national registers to screen potential volunteers for sex offences)*

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**SECTION 5 -- EDUCATION, QUALIFICATIONS & WORK EXPERIENCE**

*Starting from the most recent and going back to high school, please list your educational and professional qualifications, if any. If you need more space, please attach another sheet.*

<b>INSTITUTION / AWARDING BODY</b>	<b>COURSE OF STUDY / QUALIFICATION</b>	<b>DATE/S</b>

Any other information, eg planned courses of study:

*Starting from the most recent, please list your employment history for the last 5-10 years. Unless pertinent to this application, you can exclude any jobs held for less than 6 months.*

<b>EMPLOYER</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>TITLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES</b>

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Any other information:

**SECTION 6 -- REFERENCES:**

*Please list name, phone and email details for FOUR references, including at least TWO employment or professional references. Personal, volunteer-related and school references can be used, and if you have a spiritual teacher, we would like to contact them if possible.*

NAME & RELATIONSHIP TO YOU	PHONE & EMAIL	YEARS KNOWN

If you are unable to provide four references, please explain why:

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*Please return this form to:*

**Volunteer Program, Padmasambhava Peace Institute, 23125 Fort Ross Road,  
Cazadero CA 95421**