***Coaches Across Continents Global Citizen Application 2017***

*You don’t have to be the greatest soccer player or coach to be a Global Citizen with* [*Coaches Across Continents*](http://www.coachesacrosscontinents.org)*. We are looking for the best people who can use sport for social impact and who will represent our organization On- and Off-Field.*

**Before applying, please read our 2017 Global Citizen Application Guide which is available on our website or by contacting** **volunteer@coachesacrosscontinents.org****.**

***Application Due Date:***

* Your application is **due a minimum of three months prior** to your availability start date.
* If you are **at university** and looking to be a Global Citizen during the **summer months**, you are strongly encouraged to apply no later than **February 1st.**

This is the bare minimum. Applications and spots are given on a first-come, first-offer basis assuming you meet our criteria. Trips to developing countries take months to plan properly when considering medical immunizations, passport and visa approvals, and other factors. [Coaches Across Continents](http://www.coachesacrosscontinents.org) runs programs year-round and therefore accepts applications at any time.

***This could change your life so take your time:***

This could be the hardest and the most rewarding thing that you ever attempt, and most likely it will change your perspective on life. Everyone who works at CAC does so because we have a passion for making positive change in the world through sport (and traveling). Over 60% of our past Global Citizens stay involved with CAC Off-Field or go on a repeat trip at their next opportunity.

**Potential Project Countries could include any of our 40+ existing countries, plus new implementing partner programs in North America, South America, Africa, Europe, Oceania, and Asia.**

***Global Citizen Application Form***

Please answer all questions in a **DIFFERENT COLOR** so it is easier to read.

This is an intensive application on purpose. This experience might change your life – so take your time and be thoughtful with this application.

**Section I: Personal Information**

**QUESTION #1:** Have you read our Global Citizen Application Guide (Yes/No)?

How did you hear about Coaches Across Continents?

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Full Name (First/Middle/Last):

Gender:

Date of Birth:

Date of Application Submission (today’s date):

Permanent Address:

City/State/Country/Postal Code:

Country of Birth:

Nationality:

Passport Number:

Expiration Date:

Cell phone number (or best number to reach you at):

SKYPE contact:

Email address:

Emergency Contact Name:

Emergency Contact Name Relationship:

Emergency Contact Phone Number:

Have you ever been cautioned, arrested or convicted of a criminal offense or are you currently the subject of a criminal investigation?

If yes, please explain in detail:

**COACHING, EDUCATION, AND EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:**

Please list all your soccer playing and coaching qualifications:

Coaching Courses Completed/Pending:

Please briefly describe your playing / coaching experience:

Please list any schools attended as well as your college/university:

Course of Study:

Graduation Year:

Please provide name of your most recent employer:

Occupation:

Length of time in position:

Employment Contact person name:

Contact person email address:

**HEALTH:**

*Note: Many places we operate are rural communities in developing countries. Medical care is extremely varied from place to place and it will be essential to fully understand any potential issues prior to placement.*

Are you in good health?

If no, explain:

Do you have any medical disabilities?

If yes, explain:

Do you suffer from any pre-existing medical conditions?

If yes, explain:

Have you incurred any major injuries or undergone any surgeries in the past two years?

If yes, explain:

Do you have any allergies?

If yes, explain:

Do you drink alcohol?

If yes, how often:

Do you smoke?

If yes, how many a day:

Are you presently or in the past two years been on medication?

If yes, explain:

Have you ever had or been treated for a drug addiction or problem?

If yes, explain:

Do you have any tattoos or body piercings? (Information needed as we work in potentially culturally sensitive areas)

If yes, please describe:

**LANGUAGE:**

*Please answer this section honestly. As Coaches Across Continents continues to expand, we have incorporated some programs that require* **FLUENT** *speakers in order to properly serve our partner programs.*

What is your native (1st) language?

Do you speak any other languages **FLUENTLY**?

If so, which languages?

Do you speak any other languages to any small degree?

If so, which languages and please describe your level of proficiency:

**PERSONAL QUALITIES:**

What are your strongest personal qualities?

What are your weaknesses?

What would your best friends say are your strengths/weaknesses?

Why are you keen on being a Global Citizen with Coaches Across Continents?

What leadership positions have you held?

If you could have any superhero power, what would it be and why?

**DATES OF AVAILABILITY:**

*Please list the dates that you are available to be a Global Citizen with Coaches Across Continents in 2017. Be as accurate as possible (e.g. August 8th – September 20th). This is very important when we schedule partner programs. You will be matched with the community programs that are running during your available dates.*

Potential Start date for Global Citizen trip:

End date for Global Citizen trip:

Would you like to be a Global Citizen with CAC for the entire time you just provided above?

If not, what is the total number of weeks you are willing to be a Global Citizen with CAC in the range you provided above?

**Section II: Football (Soccer)**

What is your favorite football team? Why do you support them?

Have you ever been to see a men’s or women’s professional match (or national team match) in person? Tell us about it.

Who is your favorite football coach? Why? (This could be a professional coach or a childhood coach that has influenced your life)

**In your own words**, what do you think is the real power of football?

**Section III: Travel**

List all the countries that you have visited:

Which country was your favorite and why?

What is the biggest length of time you have been away from home?

What is the longest amount of time you have visited/stayed in a single foreign country?

What, in particular, keeps people from traveling to developing countries?

What do you think will be your biggest challenges of living in a developing community?

You will often hear the phrase T.I.A. (This is Africa) – or the equivalent in other continents/countries – as things almost never go perfectly to plan. How will you deal with the frustrations of late buses, noisy rooms, and the constant attention of local people and children in the community?

List three Off-Field qualities that you possess that you think will help you succeed in developing countries:

**Section IV: Videos**

*For each of the next sections, you will watch a short (3-minute) video segment of our 2015 Documentary. After watching, please answer the questions that follow.*

**Watch this video:** [2015 Self-Directed Learning](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vp5C0gMnDnU)

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What were your thoughts watching the above video?

In your own words, describe Self-Directed Learning:

Why do you think Self-Directed Learning is important?

Describe how you think we use sport to create Self-Directed Learners?

Why is education important?

Why do you think some groups are against education in developing worlds?

Salim Blanden, Community Impact Coach from Mbarara, Uganda: “The best thing about working with Coaches Across Continents is that they teach games that help communities to create social impact on the field to solve the world’s challenges off the field.”

**Watch this video:** [**Football for Female Empowerment**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jRZcdzAxGBI)

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What stood out for you in this video?

Why might these methods be effective in promoting gender equity?

Why should boys and girls have equal opportunity to play sport? Why do you think boys get preferential treatment in most countries?

Tell us about any experiences in your life regarding gender discrimination – whether involving you, a friend, a sister, another family member, etc.

In 2015, **97%** of local coaches knew a football game to give girls confidence to “have a voice” after working with Coaches Across Continents.

**Watch this video:** [**Football for Health and Wellness**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75LQHX4noCM)

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What struck you most about this video?

Why might these methods be effective in teaching about health?

Why do you think that the highest HIV rates in the world are in Africa?

Should Sport for Development educate about HIV or should we leave it to the medical world?

In 2015, **92%** of local coaches knew a football game to teach young people how to protect themselves from sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS, after working with Coaches Across Continents.

**Watch this video:** [Football for Life Skills](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4QTL9T_jZy0)

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What do you see?

Why might these methods be effective in teaching life skills?

Do you have a confident voice? Describe your voice:

How would you respond if you witnessed a teacher or adult physically abusing a child?

Elaborate on a life skill you could teach through soccer. Provide a specific example of an activity that could teach that skill.

In 2015, **98%** of local coaches knew a football game to teach young people to find creative solutions to their problems instead of asking for the answer after working with Coaches Across Continents.

**Watch this video:** [Football for Conflict Resolution](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XaoEuyb3jQM)

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What is your favorite moment of the video?

Why might these methods be effective in solving conflicts and promoting inclusion?

Why do you think cultures all over the world discriminate against ‘different’ people?

If children get into a physical fight on the field, what would you do?

If coaches get in a heated verbal argument during a discussion, what would you do?

Do you have any experience coaching in challenging situations? If yes, please explain:

Do you have any experience coaching or teaching other adults? If yes, please describe.

What do you think is the difference between coaching children and coaching other coaches/leaders?

Why do people resort to violence to prove their point of view is correct?

**20%** of all games played at a Coaches Across Continents training in 2015 taught about Conflict Resolution.

**Application Break!** We like to have fun at CAC. Take a quick application break and watch our [SMILE video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1UAnPBkSXlw)! (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1UAnPBkSXlw>) or any other CAC video on our [YouTube Channel: ifc1966](https://www.youtube.com/user/ifc1966)

 **Section VI: Fundraising Experience**

***Every Global Citizen is expected to raise funds for Coaches Across Continents prior to your trip. This is necessary to keep CAC sustainable. Please read the Global Citizen Guide for further explanation.***

*The minimum amount that every Global Citizen must fundraise is $1,000. Your aim should be double what your trip is anticipated to cost. Upon completion of your trip, we allow volunteers to be reimbursed from a percentage of their fundraising efforts. You may receive full or partial reimbursement for the following travel costs: airfare, visas, immunizations, and lodging. The reimbursement amount depends on your fundraising.*

 *To kick off your fundraising CAC requires a* ***$200 deposit*** *after acceptance to CAC. This amount will be counted towards the minimum fundraised amount of $1000 and is required for all Global Citizens. The reason for this is to assure your place. While we understand that unforeseen situations become inevitable, an enormous amount of time and effort goes into the organization of our programs and the Global Citizen schedules supporting them.*

***Please refer to the Global Citizen Guide for further explanation.***

*Global Citizens sometimes also pursue outside grants, which help them to cover their personal travel. This is fine and encouraged, but these candidates are still expected to fundraise for Coaches Across Continents so that we can continue our great On- and Off-Field work 365 days of the year. If you qualify for a grant, the expectation is that your fundraising minimum remains at $1,000.*

Have you had any past experiences fundraising?

If yes, please elaborate on what events or organizations you raised funds for:

What was your target amount?

How much money were you able to fundraise?

Please give three separate ideas on how you plan to raise funds for CAC? Please describe these ideas in detail.

Fundraising Idea 1:

Fundraising Idea 2:

Fundraising Idea 3:

**Section VII: Post-Global Citizen Engagement Requirements**

Being a Global Citizen with Coaches Across Continents is a full-year commitment. Upon your return, you are expected to spend up to one hour every week to promote CAC through social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, our blogs, etc.). We also require every Global Citizen to present to a group of potential future volunteers (i.e. sports teams, service groups, etc).

What groups or organizations can you do a presentation for Coaches Across Continents with the aim to raise our profile, engage future Global Citizens, and potentially connect us with future fundraisers?

Do you have any friends who have expressed an interest in being a Global Citizen and traveling with CAC? Please provide their name and email so we can follow up with them!

**Section VIII: References and Photograph**

*Please list two references and their contact information. Please notify them that we may reach out to them in the near future.*

Name (Reference #1):

Email:

Phone:

Why have you selected this person as a reference?

Name (Reference #2):

Email:

Phone:

Why have you selected this person as a reference?

**YOUR PHOTOGRAPH!**

*Paste here! We may use it on our website if you are selected as one of our Global Citizen coaches.*

**Next Step: Submit Your Application! Please Read Carefully…**

Send this completed application to the people listed below:

volunteer@coachesacrosscontinents.org

nickgates@coachesacrosscontinents.org

**What Happens Now?**

Selected applicants will be contacted and we will schedule a Skype/phone interview as soon as possible with a member of the Coaches Across Continents team. After the Skype interview and checking of references, a decision will be made. If selected to be a Global Citizen with Coaches Across Continents, you will then be required to:

1. Submit a background check.
2. Begin your fundraising efforts! Again, **every Global Citizen is expected to fundraise a minimum of $1,000 – and the target goal is twice your anticipated costs.** If we do not see progress towards your goal, we will be forced to discuss your place in the program. For full details please read our Global Citizen Guide.
3. Begin planning and packing! This is your Global Citizen experience of a lifetime!