Alternative Fall Break Participant Application 2016

DEADLINE: Monday, September 26th @ 5pm
Applications should be submitted in person to the Center for Civic Engagement (Lightsey 203)
$10 non-refundable application fee is due upon submission.
** Application fees go toward Alternative Break scholarships available for Fall Break and Spring Break Participants.
For concerns regarding the application fee, please email Christopher Ciarcia at ciarcia@cofc.edu
**Check or cash is acceptable. Make checks payable to “College of Charleston – Alternative Break.”

The Alternative Break program and the Center for Civic Engagement are committed to providing access for all people with disabilities. Please contact Christopher Ciarcia, Associate Director of the Center for Civic Engagement at ciarcia@cofc.edu for more information.

Social Issues and Communities

Food Insecurity & Homelessness
Asheville, NC
The group will partner with a variety of community partners to learn how the issues of food insecurity and homelessness affect communities in Asheville. In addition, the group will visit the aSHEville Museum and discuss the intersection of gender and class.

Food Insecurity affecting Refugees
Atlanta, GA
Participants will learn about challenges that refugees face upon their arrival to the U.S., with a special emphasis on food insecurity. The group will partner with organizations that work with refugees and with food access.
### Important Dates

*Attendance is mandatory for listed dates.*

**September**
- **Monday, September 26th**
  - Applications are due in the Center for Civic Engagement (Lightsey 203) by 5pm
- **Friday, September 30th**
  - All applicants notified of trip selection

**October**
- **Tuesday, October 4th 5:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.**
  - First All-Participant Meeting/First Education, Orientation, and (EOT) meeting with individual trip group
- **Tuesday, October 11th 5:30p.m. - 7:00p.m.**
  - Second All-Participant Meeting/First half of trip payment due
- **Tuesday, October 18th 5:30p.m. - 7:00p.m.**
  - Social Justice and Diversity EOT meeting
- **Saturday, October 22nd (TBA)**
  - Pre-service day
- **Tuesday, October 25th 5:30p.m. - 7:00p.m.**
  - EOT Meeting with Guest Speaker Second half of trip payment due

**November**
- **Tuesday, November 1st 5:30p.m. - 7:00p.m.**
  - Final All-Participant Meeting
- **Saturday, November 5th-Tuesday, November 8th**
  - Alternative Fall Break!
- **Week of November 12th (Specific days TBD)**
  - Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week Post-Service/Reorientation
Full Name (as it appears on government I.D.): ________________________________

Nickname: ________________________________ Phone: ______________________

Permanent Address: ______________________________________________________
City: __________________ State: ______ Zip: __________

Local Address: ___________________________________________________________
City: __________________ State: _______ Zip: __________

Birthdate (m/d/y): ________ Class Year: _______ Major: ______________________

E-mail: ____________________________________ Student ID #: __________________

Voluntary Demographic Data
Colleges and universities are asked by many, including the federal government, accrediting associations, college guides, newspapers, and our own college/university communities, to describe the backgrounds of our students and employees. In order to respond to these requests, we ask you to answer the following questions. Submission of this information is entirely voluntary.

Religious affiliation: ______________________________

Gender: __________________

Are you Hispanic/Latino?
__ Yes
__ No

In addition, select one or more of the following racial categories to describe yourself:
__ American Indian or Alaska Native
__ Asian
__ Black or African American
__ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
__ White
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Class year/Major:

Hometown:

Have you been on an Alt Break trip in the past?

Are you 21, licensed, and willing to drive in the US?

**Essay Questions:**

Note: Participants are selected according to interest, availability of space, and answers to the questions listed below. This is a blind selection process so please take time to submit thoughtful, typed responses to these questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. If you were stuck on an elevator with the Alternative Break selection committee, what would you want them to know about yourself? Give us your “elevator speech.”

2. Describe a past service experience that has had an impact on you.

3. Explain why you decided to apply for an Alternative Break experience instead of participating in other Fall Break opportunities.

**Alternative Break Rankings:**

Note: Please rank ONLY the experiences you are interested in participating in (1 most interested, etc). You will be considered for all trips that you rank.

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