

# BRIGHT LIGHT VOLUNTEERS

Albania, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Ghana, Greece, Peru, Thailand, Vietnam  
Program Enrollment Conditions March 2020

## General Terms & Conditions

These Program Enrollment Conditions (PECs) are valid for ALL Bright Light Volunteers' (BLV) Global Service Learning (GSL) programs commencing in March 2020 and beyond and are subject to change without notice. The most current Booking Conditions at the time of your program commencement will apply, which are available at [brightlightvolunteers.org/faq](http://brightlightvolunteers.org/faq) and in our Enrollment Packet.

### What is included in the program contribution?

- \$500 non-refundable deposit
- All accommodations & meals
- Community service project funding
- On-site, trained BLV representative
- On-site, bilingual community host leader
- All on-site transportation (excludes airfare)
- All cultural activities
- 24-7 stateside support
- All community donations
- Tuition for dual-enrollment college course offered online via BLV educational partner, Bethel University.
- Certificate of Global Citizenship administered by BLV educational partner Bethel University
- Presidential Volunteer Service Award- Bronze Level

The above all apply to all programs unless otherwise noted in your BLV GSL program contract.

**What does the non-refundable deposit include?**

- Processing and logistic services performed by BLV staff
- Deposits for services in our host communities

**What is not included in the program contribution?**

- Any applicable baggage-handling fees imposed by airlines
- Passport, visa, and reciprocity fees or any other fees associated with entry or exit from a particular destination
- Gratuities, if desired
- Extra beverages and snacks outside of the BLV three daily meals provided by BLV
- Rooming supplement (if applicable)
- Expenses caused by airline rescheduling, cancelations, or delays caused by the airlines, bad weather, or any other event or circumstance beyond BLV's control.

**College credit**

Bright Light Volunteers, in partnership with Bethel University, uses a methodology called 'global service learning' which combines international community service with experiential and online learning. This approach has proven to create culturally aware, global leaders and citizens who understand their place in the world and their ability to effect change both at home and abroad. On post-GSLC surveys, 100% of our high school participants report that they have a deeper knowledge of the interconnections between the United States and the rest of the world. They also report having a better understanding of and appreciation for other people and cultures as a result of their GSLC experience. Through this innovative program, participants will:

- Enroll in a five-week, online course, GST 140 Global Service Learning and Citizenship (GSLC), through Bethel University, for three, transferable, credit hours. With guidance from UNESCO global citizenship education, the GSLC course equips participants with the broad knowledge and functional skills necessary to become culturally competent, global citizens and leaders. Via the online course, participants gain exposure to the history and culture of the host country, preparing them well for the experience of cultural immersion and exchange. Participants improve their understanding and critical thinking about global issues and the interconnectedness of different countries and populations. They become familiar with UN Global Goals and develop an understanding of how their service supports the development of a more peaceful and sustainable world.
- In addition to the online course work, in-country lectures, small group discussions, and reflection activities are implemented to facilitate deep learning among our participants. Reflective activities include focused journaling and discussions with trained BLV/BU staff about program projects, accomplishments, challenges, cultural differences, community impact, sustainability issues, and personal/professional growth.

- The cost of tuition for the course is included in the program contribution. However, there is a separate enrollment process (see information on GST 140 enrollment process in the Enrollment & Registration Packet)

<i>Rising</i> , Tennessee, high school juniors and seniors, eligible for TSAC Dual Enrollment Grant	\$0
<i>Rising</i> , Tennessee, high school juniors and seniors, ineligible for TSAC Dual Enrollment Grant	\$300
Auditing fee for Global Citizenship Certificate	\$300
<i>Graduating</i> Tennessee high school seniors and college students	\$693
<i>Rising</i> , out-of-State, high school juniors and seniors	\$500
<i>Graduating</i> , out-of-state, high school seniors and college students	\$693

