



## CROSSOVER'S "Hoops Creating Hope" Student Volunteer Application

There are opportunities for students and student-athletes to be part of Crossover's Volunteer Faculty in leading drills, lessons, visiting local NGO's, and connecting with local students in India. There are other ways you will be expected to be involved - including sharing via social media, assisting with logistics, documenting the program via photography and video, collecting data, or helping the program based on student interest and program needs. For all students, there will be a writing and reflection program to take advantage of this out-of-context experience. We will keep blogs, vlogs, journals, and use social media before, during, and after we are in Chennai.

Furthermore, we will discuss ways in which this experience can supplement the work you do at your school. Cost for **American/Canadian students to participate as coaches in the program is \$3500**. This includes the roundtrip airfare from Boston to Chennai and all of the expenses (food, lodging, transportation, entrance fees) in India. There is limited financial aid available and will be awarded through the decision of our board.

We are hosted by the American International School - Chennai and will stay at their own faculty apartments close to campus. High school teachers as well as Crossover Academy volunteers will serve as chaperones.

*"Basketball has opened doors to so many around the world and is a perfect sport for India; a dynamic, engaging sport that uses critical thinking, athleticism, creativity and teamwork. Being on the forefront of engaging younger students with long-term goals of high school and university completion regardless of current economic struggles means that they can not only expect, but will, be part of our program for years to come."  
- Shaun Jayachandran, Founder*

If you have questions about any aspect of the program or application, please email Crossover Academy's Founder, Shaun Jayachandran ([shaun@crossover-india.org](mailto:shaun@crossover-india.org)) who will lead the program.

Send your completed application to [shaun@crossover-india.org](mailto:shaun@crossover-india.org).

### Crossover Basketball Student Application (Please Print)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

2. Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street and Number City State Zip Code

3. Home Telephone Number:(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
month-day-year

Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Present Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Activities at School: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Social Media Accounts - Twitter \_\_\_\_\_

Instagram \_\_\_\_\_

### Questionnaire:

Please respond to the following questions:

A. Why do you think Crossover intentionally uses the term Creating Hope as an education and basketball program? How does hope play a role in your life, your education, and those that have impacted you?

B. Context is critical in understanding a community. The school children from Chennai attending the program live in a very different contextual environment from you. Give an instance where context was important to something you learned and experienced.

C. There are many parts of this trip that are uncomfortable (physically, emotionally, socially). We will examine the connections between our external views of the wider world and our internal reactions to new experiences. What has been stressful for you in your life? Generally, how do you respond to stress?

D. Imagine yourself in Chennai in front of a group of children looking to you for guidance on the basketball court or in a classroom and wanting to get to know you better off the court. What excites and worries you about this opportunity?

### Financial Support:

Please indicate how much financial support (if any) you will require to participate in this program. Program cost is \$3500.

Support Required: \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Information:**

Parent 1 (guardian): \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address (if different than applicant's)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(home) (work) (mobile)

Parent 2 (guardian): \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address (if different than applicant's)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(home) (work) (mobile)

E-mail for Parent 1: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail for Parent 2: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please hand copy below and sign the following statement:**

I have spoken with my parents/guardian about this opportunity and received their permission to participate.

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature

**Recommendations:**

One teacher recommendation is required. The recommendation should be mailed to **"Crossover Program", PO Box 470686, Brookline, MA 02447** and emailed to **shaun@crossover-india.org**.

School Teacher Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional references need only to be available to speak on your behalf if we contact them.

Additional Reference #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Reference #2: \_\_\_\_\_