POSITION: Volunteer Classroom Educator & International Ambassador

LOCATION: Cofradia, Cortés, Honduras

TIME COMMITMENT: July 2023 - June 2024

ABOUT BECA: BECA exists to provide quality, affordable bilingual education to the educationally disenfranchised while fostering meaningful cultural exchange. BECA's model is more than an international teaching program; we distinguish ourselves by the breadth and depth of our community engagement, our dedication to fostering long-term relationships with our communities, and our commitment to ensuring that our BECA teachers are trained and supported to unleash the amazing potential of their students and to learn from them and their families. In the 2016-17 school year, one of our long-time dreams came true - we hired a BECA graduate as a teacher! Now, half of our teaching team at each school is made up of BECA graduates, and the other half is international volunteers.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: BECA invites ~12 international volunteers to join our volunteer teaching team each year, supporting both elementary and middle school students at 2 local schools, San Jeronimo Bilingual School and Santa Monica Bilingual School. At a high level, each volunteer teacher is responsible for: leading an English curriculum for students in grades PreK-9 in ELA, Science, Math, Art, PE and Computers (all classes are capped at 25 students, and most teachers take on one full curriculum for a grade level) supporting fellow teachers in the classroom, getting to know your students and their families, and immersing oneself in Honduran culture. Don’t worry - we’ll be there to support you with every step along the way!

Prior to arrival, international volunteers will have 2-3 virtual onboarding calls to prepare for their time in-country. Our international team arrives in-country in June 2023, and are placed in a homestay with a local family upon arriving in Honduras before moving into BECA housing. The initial weeks in-country are spent embarking on a summer-long training program that teaches you: the BECA curriculum, classroom management, and so much more. Once the school year begins, BECA teachers receive ongoing professional development and training throughout the academic year.
REQUIRED DUTIES:

- Facilitate relationships with students’ parents and other community members
- Plan lessons and teach in English (all subjects with the exception of Social Studies and Spanish)
- Foster a safe and productive classroom environment for students
- Periodically serve as a Lunch/Recess monitor
- Collaborate with the teaching team (Honduran and International) on school projects, events, planning, and curriculum development
- Contribute to the collaborative and respectful group living experience
- Serve as an ambassador for BECA by helping to spread the word about our work to your families and friends
- Participate in professional development events, such as local education-based conferences, and BECA-lead efforts

SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS:

- A Bachelor's degree by June 2023 (all majors welcome to apply!)
  - Candidate with an Associate's degree may be considered, and are encouraged to apply
- A commitment to BECA's mission and a dedication to social justice
- Strong interpersonal and cross-cultural skills
- Capacity to manage multiple tasks simultaneously
- Willingness to operate in a low-resource environment under challenging living conditions

Bonus points if you...

- Have experience with AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, or other international (or domestic!) teaching programs
**BENEFITS:** All BECA volunteer teachers receive…

- A monthly food stipend
- Up to $500 USD flight reimbursement for travel to/from Honduras from the Americas
- Up to $750 USD flight reimbursement for travel to/from Honduras from Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia
- Local transportation to/from the airport
- Housing (within a shared living accommodation)
- High-speed internet, and all utilities, provided by BECA
- Assistance in obtaining temporary residency status, or support with obtaining a temporary VISA, depending on volunteer need/local regulations
- Intensive summer training, and ongoing training and professional development throughout the academic year
- Immersion in a Spanish speaking community, with opportunities for Spanish-language acquisition

**APPLY:** If interested in applying, please complete our volunteer application here: [http://becaschools.org/get-involved/volunteer-application](http://becaschools.org/get-involved/volunteer-application). Interviews are conducted on a rolling basis until all positions are filled, so candidates are encouraged to apply early.

If you are interested in referring a potential candidate, please email their name and contact information to: volunteers@becaschools.org.

More information about our organization can be found at [www.becaschools.org](http://www.becaschools.org).