

Kenya Program Application 2008

This application has four sections. Please type your answers directly below the questions and submit your application BY EMAIL to **kenyacourse@gmail.com**. Your answers should be included both in the body of the message and as a MS Word or PDF file attachment. You will receive an email confirming receipt of your application.

Section 1: Biographic Information

Name:

University: Stanford Other (specify):

Class	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Fifth year	Graduate student	Recent Graduate

Major(s):

Graduation year:

University ID Number:

Age on Program Start Date:

Email address:

Local Phone:

Permanent Address:

How did you hear about the Kenya Course or Village Hopecore International?

Will you be away from campus winter or spring quarters?

Are you interesting in earning credit in conjunction with the course?

Section 2: Kenya Course Policy Acceptance

Please read the following carefully. You will be held to these policies.

1. Arrangements in East Africa tend to be less firm and more subject to change as compared with event planning in the United States. Do you understand that the program may vary with regard to particular events and timing, but that the leaders will try to stick as closely as possible to the ideals of the Program?

Yes No

2. Pre-field preparation is an important aspect of the Kenya Course experience. A series of mandatory workshops will be held during Spring Quarter at a time convenient for group members. Acceptance into the Kenya Course program is conditional on attendance at these meetings. Do you understand that you may lose your place in the program if you do not attend Kenya Course pre-field meetings?

Yes No

Exceptions may be granted to participants who will be away from campus during the spring. If this applies to you, please let the instructors know.

3. It is likely that our project sites will not be served by public transport and there is sometimes no alternative to walking. Are you willing and able to walk several miles each day unassisted? Do you understand that there may be occasions when you will be required to carry all of your own luggage over rough terrain?

Yes No

If no, please contact program staff.

4. A \$300 deposit will be due 14 days after acceptance. The balance of the program fee will be due 45 days before the program start date. All payments are non-refundable. Failure to meet these deadlines may result in loss of place in the program. In addition, it is your responsibility to be familiar with all Village Hopecore tax deduction policies for fundraising purposes. You should contact Village Hopecore if you have any questions or concerns.

Do you understand and accept these financial policies?

Yes No

5. Any kind of travel or work overseas is potentially hazardous. Although program staff will provide detailed health and safety information, and will work hard to minimize volunteers' exposure to danger, an inherent risk will remain. Do you understand that participation in the Kenya Program is at your own risk and that you will be required to sign a liability release form?

Yes No

6. Do you understand that if you do not hold a valid passport, your acceptance will be conditional on obtaining one at least 2 months before the start of your program?

Yes

No

7. Students are expected to be present for the entire duration of the seminar. Are you able to participate fully for the entire course?

Yes

No

Section 3: Relevant Background

1. Describe your relevant international travel experiences, with dates.

2. List relevant course work.

3. List relevant leadership or interactive group experiences.

4. List relevant experience in field research or community assessment.

5. List any other relevant extra-curricular activities or skills (such as first aids certification, outdoor skills certification, etc.)

6. List other relevant experiences with explanations.

7. Have you taken or do you intend to take any Swahili courses? If so, please give details.

Section 4: Short Answer Questions

Please answer the following questions.

For best consideration, please keep your answers short and to the point.

- 1) Why are you interested in participating in the Kenya Course?

- 2) What are your future educational or career goals?

- 3) How does doing so fit into your long-term plans?

- 4) Why do you want to learn about microfinance and its impact on personal and community health?

- 5) List some of the course related topics that you might want to pursue as your presentation topic.

- 6) How will you contribute to the group dynamics?

- 7) List at least three creative strategies for funding your trip.

- 8) List two creative ways to share your experiences upon returning home.

- 9) Is there anything else you would like to tell us?