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JVC Magis Application Packet



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Thank you for your interest in the Loyola University Chicago JVC Magis service program. Please carefully read through the requirements and instructions for the application.

Requirements

- 1) Must have completed at least one year of service in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, <http://jesuitvolunteers.org/>, in their domestic or international program. Members completing at least one year of service in JVC Northwest, <https://jvcnorthwest.org/>, are also eligible for the JVC Magis program.

★ Participation in any other type of program, while similar to JVC, does not fulfill this requirement.

- 2) Interest in working in the selected placement sites identified for the year in which you are applying. Please review the list of program placements on our webpage, www.luc.edu/jvcmagis. Applicants should be interested in, and willing to serve, in any of the agencies, which are listed for their degree program. It is natural, and expected, that you will have placement preferences. We will want to know, and discuss, these preferences with you. However, it is the expectation of the program that by applying you are expressing your interest to serve in any of the placements that are a match for your degree. JVC Magis is interested in persons with a spirit of apostolic availability.
- 3) Willingness to live in a small community of other volunteers.
- 4) Service commitment of *at least* 2 years (maximum of 3 years)
- 5) Interest in pursuing one of the following graduate degrees: Divinity, Pastoral Studies, Spirituality, Social Justice, and Social Work. These are the only degrees offered by the JVC Magis program. Dual degrees are not offered through JVC Magis as well as the MSW leadership and development track.
- 6) **Candidates must apply for admission to Loyola University Chicago.**
 - ★ Acceptance into JVC Magis is contingent upon acceptance into Loyola University Chicago.

Instructions

Application Instructions

Most of the information needed by JVC Magis will be obtained from your Loyola University Chicago Graduate School application. Therefore, the LUC graduate application must be completed first, and acceptance into LUC verified when applying to JVC Magis.

However, the JVC Magis office needs one additional item. Email is the preferred method of submission.

1. Essay (see further instructions on the following page)

- **Length:** Not to exceed 4 pages
- **Format:**
 - Double spaced
 - Typed
 - 12pt Font
 - 1 inch Margins

Submission Instructions

Deadline

- Must be received by: February 18^h.
- Please email essay to Lee Hubbell, lhubbell@luc.edu.

Interview Anticipation Instructions

Interview Date: March 30th.

Interviews are for selected candidates only.

Please begin to secure the time and resources needed to come to Chicago for an interview.

Face to face interviews are preferable.

- Skype/google hangout/FaceTime can be set up as an alternative.

Notification of acceptance usually begins within one month after interviews.

Essay

Please write one essay as described below

Essay Requirements

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Essay: Motivations and Values

Background

What region did you or are you currently serving as a JV?

What is the name of the placement and what was your position while in the JVC?

What degree program are you applying to at Loyola University Chicago?

Motivation

Discuss your interest in continuing the JVC experience. Describe specific experiences and relationships in your JVC experience so far that have led you to apply for Magis. Consider some of the following questions in structuring your essay.

What are your apprehensions? What challenges do you foresee?

JVC Values

Describe one spirituality session you have led in your JVC community and how it contributed to faith sharing in your community.

Describe an experience in your job placement that deepened or expanded your understanding of social justice and what insights you gained from that situation.

In what specific ways, both personally and communally, have you demonstrated a commitment to simple lifestyle during your JVC experience?

Describe an experience or situation that demonstrates what has been most difficult for you about community life, and one that demonstrates what has been most life giving.

Interview Process with JVC Magis

Please see the list of placements on our webpage: www.luc.edu/jvcmagis

This is the process used by the JVC Magis program to conduct interviews and determine acceptance into the JVC Magis program.

Application Review

All applications are reviewed by the program director. Applicants that seem to be a match for the Magis program, and at least one of the placement agencies, are then sent to program agencies for review. Agencies determine which applicants will move forward with an interview with their agency. If one or more agencies are interested in conducting an interview, you will then be invited to interview with the program.

Interviews

You will be interviewed by an agency representative and by a current or former, JVC Magis participant. In some cases the agency representative and the current participant are the same person. The director will have reviewed your application and will be there on the day of the interviews to meet you and talk with you.

In this way the director gets three perspectives: the perspective of the director, the perspective of an agency and the perspective of a current (or perhaps alumni) participant. This gives the director a well-rounded view of how you match up with the program and placements.

You may be doing several agency interviews. The amount of interviews does not increase/decrease your chances of acceptance.

Applicant selection

After all of the interviews have been completed, the director reviews the data and starts to make placement matches. The director will use the information from the interviews to select the best match for each agency. Of course social workers would only be matched up with the social work placements, while our spirituality degrees would be matched up with the spirituality placements. The JVC Magis program identifies the need, and then finds the person whose passion it is to meet that need.

At this point the director would not know how many persons per degree program would be accepted. There is no set number. It all comes down to who is the best match for the placement.

Program offers

The director will then contact you to make you an offer to join the program and let you know where you will be missioned for your time in Magis.

It is quite possible that the agency, in which the program feels you are a match, may not be your first choice of a placement. JVC Magis is interested in persons with a true spirit of apostolic availability.

If you are not interested in the placement selected for you then you have to decide if you will join and go to that placement or perhaps decline the offer.

If you decline the director would then go to the next person that was a match for the position.

The director does this until all of the openings in Magis have been filled.

The director tries to match you with your area of most interest. However, decisions are made based on the big picture utilizing all of the information available.

Waitlist

If you do not initially receive an offer from the program, you are usually placed on the wait list. If a position should some open the director would then contact those persons on the wait list.

Skype/google handout Interviews

- If you are unable to come to Chicago for interviews you will need to be available to conduct interviews via Skype/google hangout/facetime. You will be interviewed by the program director, a team consisting of graduating participants and generally by several agencies. Interviews typically take place M-F during business hours, 9-5, cst. In some instances you may have as many as 5-6 Skype interviews. Coming to Chicago is the most efficient way to get all of your interviews completed. If at all possible try to come to Chicago when invited for interviews.