

# Bainbridge Ometepe Sister Islands Association

## Volunteer Delegate Application

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in applying to participate in the Bainbridge/Ometepe Sister Islands Association (BOSIA) Volunteer Delegate program. In addition to the interview, the written application is an important step in becoming a delegate. You will need to be thorough in completing all sections of the application and submitting them on time. Your responses to the questions should be written legibly or typed. You may use more space (back of sheet, or expand space on computer) to answer any of the questions, but concise answers will be appreciated (except, see #10 below). BOSIA volunteers must be organized and responsible while in training and in Nicaragua and that process starts with the application. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact: [bosia-board@bosia.org](mailto:bosia-board@bosia.org)

**Mission Statement:** The purpose of the Bainbridge Ometepe Sister Islands Association is to promote friendship and mutual understanding between the residents of Ometepe and Bainbridge Islands through peaceful exchanges of all sorts. We expect the relationship to deepen over time, and to involve a steadily increasing number of participants from both islands. Our friendship will be mindful of human dignity and the necessity of expanding cooperation among peoples of the earth, irrespective of political philosophies.

**What BOSIA Can Provide:** We can help with logistical information: how you can make travel arrangements, how you can arrange for room and board on Ometepe, and names of people to contact in order to work on the project you are interested in. We require an interview prior to approval of the application. If the application is approved, we will also require that you attend several orientations sessions prior to your leaving. This will prepare you for your trip and give you background information about Ometepe and our experiences there. While on Ometepe you will have limited access to e-mail and fax at our office. We may have a long-term volunteer on Ometepe during your stay who can on occasion provide advice and help with logistics. There is a part-time office manager who also may be of some limited help, but this person is responsible for managing our projects and will not have a lot of time to devote to your needs. So, it is important for you to be willing and able to accept a large degree of personal responsibility in setting your own goals and following through on them both while preparing for your trip and while on Ometepe.

Proposed date of departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed date of return: \_\_\_\_\_

The application process and timeline consists of the following:

1. Volunteer Delegate data sheet and Disclosure of Risks and Dangers, Assumption of Risk sheet completed, signed and returned 3 months prior to departure.
2. Interview 2 months prior to departure.
3. Medical Form completed and returned 1 month prior to departure.
4. Orientation Sessions completed no later than 1 week prior to departure.



**Bainbridge Ometepe Sister Islands Association  
Volunteer Delegate Data Sheet**

**5, References we may contact (not family):**

Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
Phone:	Phone:
Relationship:	Relationship:

6. Why are you applying as a volunteer delegate with Bainbridge/Ometepe?

7. Each volunteer is considered to be an individual with strengths and weaknesses. What do you consider your strengths?

What do you consider your weaknesses?

8. Bainbridge/Ometepe requires a Volunteer Delegate to be flexible and able to work with people from different backgrounds in sometimes stressful situations. Please give an example of how you have coped with such a situation in the past.

9. Are there any other comments that you would like to add, skills or interests you have, etc.? (use back if needed)?

10. On a separate sheet of paper, describe the project(s) or activity(ies) that you plan to be involved in while on Ometepe. We are looking for a carefully thought out plan, so the more detail the better. How long do you plan to stay, what do you want to accomplish, how will you go about it, what resources do you need to be successful?