Application Process for

Play Around the World (PAW) 2018

Northern Canada (Fort Providence) / South America (Peru)/ Southeast Asia (Cambodia and Thailand)

A. Application/Selection Process
You will be applying to be part of the PAW Team 2018 consisting of up to 14 participants. Applications are to be received or post-marked by Wednesday, Nov 15th, 2017 at 4:00pm. After the selection committee reviews the applications, there will be interviews within the following 2 weeks for those that are short-listed. All applicants will be notified by the end of November 2017. Within 10 days of the interview selection process, applicants will be notified (specific City location will be assigned) and are asked to commit to participating in the PAW program by submitting a $500 non-refundable deposit payable to the University of Alberta. PAW participants must acknowledge that they will be responsible for the total costs (estimated to be approximately $5,500 plus tuition). Opportunities for fund raising will be organized by the PAW program and in the past students have been successful in raising most of the funds in advance of travel. If selected, students are required to have their First Aid Certification by March 1st, 2018. A Criminal Record Check will also be required but can be arranged through the University at no cost.

B. Selection Criteria
1. Completion of 2 years post-secondary education in a related discipline.
2. Knowledge of theory and research areas related to the PAW vision and mission including, but not restricted to play, child development, cultural studies, adapted physical activity/education.
3. Experience in working effectively with a diverse range of individuals and/or groups in a variety of physical activities and settings.
4. Experience working collaboratively and effectively within a team (e.g. leadership, followership, communication skills).
5. Demonstrate qualities such as initiative, adaptability, compassion, respect for diversity, dedication to purpose and willingness to understand other perspectives.
6. A grade point average of 2.3 or higher for the last 12 months of academic study.
7. Peru Prerequisite: Basic Spanish language is required for the Peru location. Preference will be given during selections to students who have conversational Spanish skills. Spanish lessons/courses may also be taken during the PAW year on the students’ own time and at their own expense. Please indicate in your application your current Spanish level or intent to enroll in a course.

C. Application Requirements
1] An up-to-date resume listing the educational, work and volunteer experiences that support your eligibility as per the selection criteria. Please provide details – e.g. course name, length of time worked (or volunteered) description of duties and responsibilities etc. Point form is acceptable.

2] A transcript of post-secondary course work (can be printed from beartracks).

3] A personal statement of 500 words or less, substantiating how your personal and interpersonal skills and qualities (relating to numbers 4 & 5 in part B above) would be an asset to a PAW team. Where possible give examples or evidence of these abilities.

4] References: Please ask two people who know you well to fill out the reference form and attach a letter of reference. Provide them with a copy of the Play Around the World information sheet so that they have an understanding of the nature of the project. After completing the reference forms, the referee should put the form and letter in an envelope, seal it and sign their name over the seal before returning it to you or send directly to mrintoul@ualberta.ca. It is recommended that one of your referees be someone who has supervised you in your experiences working with children/youth and/or has seen you work as part of a team.
Application for Student Participation in
Play Around the World 2018

Please select the location you are applying for and indicate your order of preference:
(You may select just one box OR you may select 2 or 3 boxes, indicating your preference with numbers 1, 2 or 3 in the boxes if you are interested in Canada and/or Asia and/or South America)

☐ Northern Canada (Fort Providence)  ☐ Southeast Asia (Thailand and Cambodia)
☐ South America (Cusco, Peru)

Name: ________________________      _________      __________________
First                          Middle Initial                      Last

Mailing address: _________________________________________________________

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City          Province          P.C.
(_____ ) ____________       (_____ ) ____________       __________________
Phone            Cell           E mail

Permanent address: _______________________________________________________

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City          Province          P.C.
(_____ ) ____________       (_____ ) ____________
Phone            Cell           E mail

Gender:    M     F     Birth Date: ____________________ (y/m/d)

U of A Program: ____________________ ID # ___________

Year of Study: ____________________ Number of credits completed: ___________

Number of Credits in past 12 months: _______ Average GPA during this period: _______

Spanish Prerequisite (*South America location only): Please indicate your current Spanish level or intent to enroll in a course.

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Before submitting your application, ensure that you have completed the following:

• Attached a resume of educational, work, and volunteer experiences (see C.1 of Application Requirements).
• Attached an official University of Alberta transcript (can be a photocopy).
• Attached a personal statement – maximum of 500 words (see C.3 of Application Requirements).
• Included 2 sealed references (see C.4 of Application Requirements).
• Print and Sign Application Form

Drop off or mail completed application forms by Thursday, November 15th, 2017 to:

Play Around the World Selection Committee
Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation
3-134 Van Vliet Complex, University Hall
University of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta
T6G 2H9

Signature of Applicant: _______________________________ Date: ______________

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