SHIRTS ACROSS AMERICA

Immersion Trip & Building New Orleans

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I apply to be a student volunteer with Shirts Across America (SAA)?
Shirts Across America is accepting applications online at www.ShirtsAcrossAmerica.org. Applications will be accepted after Sunday, October 4, 2026.

2. If I did not attend a Trip Information Night Meeting, may I still apply for the trip?
Yes, you may still apply. We look at many sets of criteria to determine who receives invitations, with our goal being totake as many applicants as possible. The Trip Information Night presents lots of valuable information, so attendance is highly encouraged. We will maintain a complete list of those who attended a Trip Information Night and those students will receive credit for doing so; however, attendance at the meeting does not guarantee acceptance, nor does an absence from a Trip Information Night meeting disqualify a student from being considered.

3. Will my student be working with other students from their own school?
SAA's process of connecting students with friends/peers from their school and other SAA approved schools has been greatly successful. Our teams are created with a combination of students from throughout the region. Each student is typically paired with at least one friend on their team.

4. Who are Shirts Across America's building partners in New Orleans?
SAA works with several building partners that directly impact families trying to move home. Our primary building partners include NOAHH (New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity), YRNO (Youth Rebuilding New Orleans), and SBP USA (formerly St. Bernard Project), which are dedicated to their region as they educate volunteers and transform homeowner's lives.

5. What type of work will the students be involved in?
The students may work in any of the following areas: drywall, insulation, mudding, sanding, painting, flooring, landscaping, or other community projects that our building partners deem necessary.

6. What type of supervision is available on job sites? Will my student be operating power tools?
SAA teams are not allowed inside a job site without their site supervisor present. They will be taught how to complete the tasks they are given and will be supervised throughout the process. Students may be trained to use specific power tools; these students must be 18 years-of-age and have their parent's permission.

7. Where do the students stay? Are meals included?
In New Orleans, SAA's accommodations are in a dormitory setting. In Montgomery, SAA's accommodations are in a hotel setting.

Most meals are included in our trip cost and provided by our housing partners. The students will occasionally eat dinner or lunch off-site during the trip to support the local economy.

8. Who are the Chaperones/Adult Team Leads on the trip?
Our Adult Team Leads (ATL) are typically parents of students on the trip, school staff members, or other adults SAA works with throughout the school year. Any adults interested in traveling with Shirts Across America to New Orleans as an ATL may apply online at www.ShirtsAcrossAmerica.org. Applications will be accepted after Sunday, October 4, 2026. All parents are encouraged to apply for a position as an ATL.

9. What is the Shirts Across America Core Team? How do I become a part of our Core Team?
The Core Team is SAA's yearlong leadership program. Our Student leaders work on their campuses to prepare themselves and all participating students for the immersion trips. Core Team members are exposed to dynamic guest speakers and a thought-provoking curriculum that gives them the skills and confidence to be thoughtful leaders. We are proud of the awards and acknowledgments our former Core Team members have received on their college campuses. They inspire us daily to offer the best leadership program imaginable.

By participating in an immersion trip this year, students will be eligible to apply for the Core Team Leadership Program next year.