Confédération Internationale de la
Société de Saint-Vincent-de-Paul

Président

Paris, May 2026

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Subject: Request for accommodation for the Vincentian youth exchange programme

Dear Territorial Vice-Presidents and National Presidents:

With the aim of expanding our base of young Vincentian volunteers, a Vincentian youth exchange has been included in the presidential programme; this was finalised by the International Youth Delegate at the Third Youth Meeting, held last June in Rome.

The programme consists of two stages:
First stage: That countries with sufficient resources may host a young Vincentian in their social projects or in suitable locations, or even with families wishing to join this programme and having space in their home to provide this service. Should these families have young children or grandchildren, this would be a welcome addition that enhances the young person's stay.

Second stage: That young Vincentians may serve in countries with fewer resources that require volunteers for specific social work.

As a trial, we will begin by attempting to launch the first stage.

To do this, the first step is to ascertain availability, the location and the duration of the placement; therefore, we ask you to complete the attached form and return it by 20 June 2026 at the latest.

Notes:

a) The young Vincentian volunteer must always provide voluntary service at a local Vincentian social project.

b) Accommodation and living expenses are covered by the family, Conference or Council hosting the volunteer, except for travel and transport costs, which are covered by the International Youth Delegation.

The aim of this programme is for young people aged between 18 and 35 to integrate and gain a better understanding of the SSVP's international charity network, to discover new cultures and to collaborate in a social project that will serve as experience for their Vincentian mission.

Stays are scheduled for between 15 days and one month, preferably during the holidays.

The National Council and, where applicable, the host family, will provide as much information as possible regarding their availability, the possibility of volunteering in Vincentian work, and whether they would prefer a male or female volunteer.

Thank you very much for your cooperation,

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