



**STILL  
I RISE**



**INFORMATION  
FOR PROSPECTIVE  
VOLUNTEERS**

# Welcome to Still I Rise!

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First of all, we would like to thank you for considering to dedicate your time, passion and skills to our cause and the children we serve.

Please read the following information carefully. We operate in very complex and difficult environments. We hope that by sharing with you this information, you will have a better understanding of what your volunteer experience will be like if you're accepted.

Understanding our organization's procedures, expectations and requirements should be your first priority. For all of our projects, it is also important that you acquaint yourself with travel to the destination, visa regulations, accommodation, health care, the local culture, and the daily life of volunteering on the ground.

It is our hope that after reading the information in the following pages, you will have a better understanding of what it means to be a Still I Rise volunteer before you submit your application.

Once your application has been submitted, we will reach you by email. If your application is approved in the initial review process, we will send you a Volunteer Info Pack, which contains additional information and all the important steps that you must take before joining the team on the ground.

If you have any further questions or requests, please do not hesitate to contact us at [info@stillirisengo.org](mailto:info@stillirisengo.org). Please specify in the subject line of emails with which project you would like to volunteer.

We look forward to reading your application. Good luck!

***Still I Rise Team***



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# VOLUNTEERING IN GREECE

*In this section you can find all the important information you should consider before applying to volunteer with our **Samos – Greece project**.*



## REQUIREMENTS

As it says on our website, volunteers must meet a number of requirements in order to work with us.

**English Proficiency** | As an international organization, English is our working language. It is important that all volunteers have mastery of English, meeting at least the B2+ level of the European Framework for Language Acquisition.

**22 years of age or older** | Our work on the ground is stressful, and volunteers and team members can face very difficult situations during their work. It is important that all our volunteers possess the emotional and professional maturity to be able to work effectively and positively in these circumstances.

**Minimum of 6 weeks** | Since our volunteers work directly with students, it is important that volunteers stay for a minimum of six weeks. Not only does the training process take at least a week, but we have learned that individuals who volunteer for shorter lengths of time can unfortunately cause more pain than good for students.

**Completion of CRB/background check** | We work with some of the most vulnerable people in the world. It is necessary that we ensure that all our volunteers working in our centers will not be a danger to our students.

**Facebook Messenger** | All the communication regarding our work and our daily operations are conducted in Messenger groups. If accepted as a volunteer, you will be added to a Messenger group before your first day of volunteering.

**Passion, drive, dedication to our cause** | Volunteering with Still I Rise can involve long days of work. It is important that volunteers are committed to the respective project and are prepared to work hard.

**If you do not meet all the requirements listed above, please do not submit an application.** There are other organizations working on the ground with us that may have different requirements and we are happy to put you in touch with them.

In addition to volunteering, we warmly welcome other forms of support. We are happy to connect motivated individuals who want to fundraise with our administrative office.

**IMPORTANT: Due to the changing circumstances of our work, we cannot accept applications more than 4 months prior to your starting date. We kindly ask you to respect this timeline.**



## TRANSPORTATION

*Samos is a Greek island in the Eastern Aegean Sea. You can get here by ferry or airplane. Please, consider that like many Greek islands, Samos is a tourist destination. The regularity of transport schedules and prices may drastically change in summer and winter.*

### FERRY LINES

Regular ferries to Samos from Athens (Piraeus), Kavala, Thessaloniki and other Aegean islands are available. Ferries are run by Hellenic Seaways (<https://hellenicseaways.gr/en/>) and Blue Star Ferries: (<https://www.bluestarferries.com/en/>).

The journey can take between 9 and 18 hours depending on the departing port and time of the year.

Keep in mind that there are two ports on Samos: Vathi/Samos Town and Karlovasi. Arriving in Vathi/Samos Town is the best option.

Karlovasi Port is 45 minutes from Vathi so you will need to take a taxi or a bus if you arrive there. Vathi port is a half hour walk from the town and taxi services, costing around 5€ to get to the city center, are available.

You can refer to this website for general information, destinations and prices: <https://tickets.ferries.gr>

## FLIGHTS

Samos International Airport “Aristarchos of Samos” is located 30 minutes from Vathi, near Pythagoreio. There are several flights every day from Athens and Thessaloniki, and in the summer, there are a number of non-stop flights from major cities in Europe.

We recommend checking the airport website to see the available travel options: <https://www.smi-airport.gr/en>

When you arrive at Samos Airport you have to take a bus or a taxi to get to Vathi. Buses are cheaper but they don't run often and the service is not available on Sundays.

A Taxi to Vathi will cost you €25. Unfortunately, we cannot arrange to personally meet and pick-up volunteers when they arrive.



## VISAS AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

If you are a Greek or EU citizen, an ID card or passport permit you to travel to and stay in Greece. If you are a Non-EU citizen, you should check with the Greek Embassy or Consulate in your country to learn how to acquire a visa. Visit the Greek Ministry of Foreigner Affairs website to find the nearest location near you:

<https://www.mfa.gr/missionabroad/en>

Still I Rise Greece is unable to provide any document which supports your visa request. Once on Samos, volunteers will be asked to register with the local KEP by signing a volunteering auto certificate with Still

I Rise. We recommend that you keep copies of your personal documents in case you lose them during your stay.



## HEALTH & INSURANCE

### HEALTH:

Please make sure that you are up-to-date on routine vaccinations before your trip. These vaccines include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, hepatitis B and C, and polio vaccine.

Also, please bear in mind that our students live in an unsanitary environment and many of them are not vaccinated. Make sure you wash your hands often, use hand sanitizer, and avoid contact with blood or bodily fluids.

We also recommend that you pack insect repellent and sunscreen. It can get very hot during the summer and we strongly advise you to use sun protection!

### INSURANCE:

Still I Rise does not provide health insurance. Please make sure that you have insurance coverage when coming to volunteer with us in Greece.

#### EU citizens

Apply for your European Health Insurance Card on this website - <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=563&langId=en>

#### Non-EU citizens

If you don't have travel insurance, consider the following inexpensive options:

Allianz Travel Insurance <https://www.allianz-assistance.gr/el/>

EuropAssistance <http://www.europ-assistance.com/en>



## ACCOMODATION

Still I Rise volunteers can opt to stay in our volunteer house for a small and reduced monthly fee of 100€. To accommodate as many volunteers as possible there are a few shared rooms and it is likely that you will share a room with at least one other volunteer.

Still I Rise is entirely sponsored by private donations, all of which are invested in the projects that directly support the students we serve. As such, all of our volunteers are responsible for their own expenses. If you are interested in staying in our volunteer house, we will provide you with further information after you have submitted your application.



## COST OF LIFE & FUNDRAISING

Volunteers usually fundraise to support their stay and personal expenses in Samos. You can do so through crowdfunding sites such as **GoFundMe**, **CrowdRise**, **YouCaring** or **Generosity**. Please note that all these sites charge an administration fee. Donations can also be received through a PayPal account, for which no fee is charged.

Shared housing typically costs about 100€ per month. With a small budget for food and expenses, most volunteers can manage with 300€ per month.





## FAQ

### **Does it cost anything to volunteer with Still I Rise?**

No. Volunteers need to cover their accommodation and food costs but there is no fee to volunteer with Still I Rise.

### **Will I need a car on Samos?**

Since all of our activities take place in Mazí, our youth center, it is not necessary to have a car while you volunteer with us. However, it is very likely that you will walk 10-15 minutes from your accommodation to reach the center each work day.

### **What will I be doing as a volunteer with Still I Rise?**

We make an effort to utilize our volunteers' strongest skills while they are with us. People trained in teaching, whether English or other courses, may be leading regular classes. If you have skills in art, engineering, science, dance or other activities, you may be able to participate in some of the topic specific workshops that Mazí often provides. Staff at the common hall desk are also needed to keep the center clean, supervise and engage with kids between classes, and support teachers throughout the day.

### **Who do I contact about volunteering?**

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact us at [info@stillirisengo.org](mailto:info@stillirisengo.org) Please write "Greece Project" in the subject line.



# VOLUNTEERING IN GAZIANTEP - TURKEY

*In this section you can find all the important information you should consider before applying to volunteer with our **Gaziantep – Turkey project**.*



## REQUIREMENTS

As it says on our website, volunteers must meet a number of requirements in order to work with us.

**English Proficiency** | As an international organization, English is our working language. It is important that all volunteers have mastery of English, meeting at least the B2+ level of the European Framework for Language Acquisition.

**22 years of age or older** | Our work on the ground is stressful, and volunteers and team members can face very difficult situations during their work. It is important that all our volunteers possess the emotional and professional maturity to be able to work effectively and positively in these circumstances.

**Minimum of 3 months** | At the moment we are planning the volunteers' schedule from March to August 2020. In order to work within the guidelines of our partner organization, we can only accept candidates with a minimum stay of 3 months.

We are accepting 3 people for the period March-May 2020 and another 3 people for June-August 2020.

Further information will be shared by email if your candidacy is accepted.

**Completion of CRB/background check** | We work with some of the most vulnerable people in the world. It is necessary that we ensure

that all our volunteers working in our centers will not be a danger to our students.

**Facebook Messenger** | All the communication regarding our work and our daily operations are conducted in Messenger groups. If accepted as a volunteer, you will be added to a Messenger group before your first day of volunteering.

**Passion, drive, dedication to our cause** | Volunteering with Still I Rise can involve long days of work. It is important that volunteers are committed to the respective project and are prepared to work hard.

**If you do not meet all the requirements listed above, please do not submit an application.**

In addition to volunteering, we warmly welcome other forms of support. We are happy to connect motivated individuals who want to fundraise with our administrative office.

**IMPORTANT: Due to the changing circumstances of our work, we cannot accept applications more than 4 months prior to your starting date. We kindly ask you to respect this timeline.**



## TRANSPORTATION

*Gaziantep, previously and still informally referred to as Antep, is the capital of Gaziantep Province, in the western part of Turkey's Southeastern Anatolia Region, some 97 kilometers north of Aleppo, Syria. It is the sixth-most populous city in Turkey.*

### FLIGHTS

Gaziantep Oğuzeli International Airport is approximately 27 km from our working location and a taxi from the airport costs around 20€. There are several flights that leave every day from Istanbul and a few

seasonal international non-stop flights to the airport. We recommend that you buy a plane ticket via Istanbul. Istanbul has two airports: ISTANBUL NEW AIRPORT (IST) and SABIHA GÖKÇEN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (SAW). While you're booking your flight, please pay attention to the airport names, as travelling from one airport to another can take a long time due to traffic in Istanbul. If you do not plan to spend time in Istanbul, we recommend that you book a flight from Istanbul to Gaziantep from the same airport that you landed. Turkish Airline (<https://www.turkishairlines.com/en-int>) is the flag carrier, but you can also check Pegasus flights (<https://www.flypgs.com/en>) for low cost fares. We advise you to check their website or <https://www.skyscanner.net> to book your flights. Unfortunately, we cannot arrange to personally meet and pick-up volunteers when they arrive.



## VISAS AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

In order to work within the guidelines of local and national regulations and to allow foreigners to volunteer in Gaziantep, we have partnered with local organizations. If your candidacy is accepted, we will send you more information.



## HEALTH & INSURANCE

### HEALTH:

Please make sure that you are up-to-date on routine vaccinations before your trip. These vaccines include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, hepatitis B and C, and polio vaccine. Also, please bear in mind that our students live in an unsanitary environment and many of them are not vaccinated. Make sure you wash your hands often, use hand sanitizer, and avoid contact with blood or body fluids. We also recommend that you pack insect repellent and sunscreen. It can get very hot during the summer and we strongly advise you to use sun protection!

### **INSURANCE:**

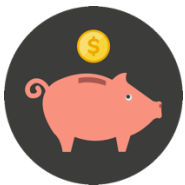
Still I Rise does not provide a health insurance. We recommend volunteers to take out health insurance for Turkey prior to departure and for the entire duration of stay.



### **ACCOMODATION**

Still I Rise volunteers can opt to stay in our volunteer house for a small and reduced monthly fee of 100€. To accommodate as many volunteers as possible there are a few shared rooms and it is likely that you will share a room with at least one other volunteer.

Still I Rise is entirely sponsored by private donations, all of which are invested in the projects that directly support the students we serve. As such, all of our volunteers are responsible for their own expenses. If you are interested in staying in our volunteer house, we will provide you with further information after you have submitted your application.



### **COST OF LIFE & FUNDRAISING**

Volunteers usually fundraise to support their stay and personal expenses in Gaziantep. You can do so through crowdfunding sites such as **GoFundMe**, **CrowdRise**, **YouCaring** or **Generosity**. Please note all these sites charge an administration fee. Donations can also be received through a PayPal account, for which no fee is charged. Shared housing typically costs about 100€ per month. With a small budget for food and expenses, most volunteers can manage with 300€ per month.



## FAQ

### **Does it cost anything to volunteer with Still I Rise?**

No. Volunteers need to cover their accommodation and food costs but there is no fee to volunteer with Still I Rise.

### **Will I need a car in Gaziantep?**

Since all of our activities take place in our center, it is not necessary to have a car while you volunteer with us. It is likely that you will walk 10 min. from your accommodation to reach the center each work day.

### **What will I be doing as a volunteer with Still I Rise?**

We make an effort to utilize our volunteers' strongest skills while they are with us. If you have skills in art, engineering, dance or other activities, you may be able to participate in some of the topic specific workshops that our centers often provide. Staff at the common hall desk are also needed to keep the center clean, supervise and engage with kids between classes, and support teachers throughout the day.

### **Can I use my phone in Turkey?**

It is strongly recommended that you buy a local sim card upon arrival in Turkey in order to be reachable at all times during your stay. A sim card without options for international calls, with a standard amount of GB, SMSs and minutes costs around 10/20€ per month.

### **What currency is used in Turkey?**

Turkish Lira is the currency in Turkey. There are many exchange offices and ATMs around the city. Be aware that your bank or the ATM's bank could charge a commission fee whenever you withdraw money or you pay at the POS. We invite you to check with your bank for more information.

### **Who do I contact about volunteering?**

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact us at [info@stillirisengo.org](mailto:info@stillirisengo.org) Please write "Turkey Project" in the subject line.



# INTERNSHIP INFORMATION FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

If you are a University student and your institution funds or provides credits for internship positions, consider becoming as a Still I Rise volunteer!

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

**Check with your university if our organization is qualified to take interns from your institution.**

Still I Rise is a registered charity organization in every country that it operates. Depending on the location, the legal entity that has been established may be different from the ones existing in *your/your university* country.

We can provide the following information: name of the organization, tax number, legal address, and establishment statute.

**Check with your university if they require that a trained tutor/supervisor must accompany you.**

Be advised that your university could ask our organization to provide you with a trained tutor/supervisor in your academic field. We are unfortunately unable to accept applications for internships that require a trained tutor/supervisor. For all other cases, one of our coordinators will be appointed as your tutor.

**Apply as a Still I Rise Volunteer for the project you are interested in.**

If your university considers our organization to be suitable for your internship, you can apply as a standard volunteer through our online application portal. Please, in the application form, indicate your interest in interning with us!

**We will follow the normal selection procedure.**

We will consider your application carefully, as we do for all the prospective volunteers and we will let you know if you have been accepted or not.

### **We will ask for your cooperation.**

If you are accepted you will be responsible of completing all the necessary documents provided by your university and our organization in order to activate your internship. It is likely that an agreement between the student, university and our organization will be drafted. We ask that you promptly and efficiently attend to all correspondence, documents and forms you have with us in order to finalize the agreement.

Once the internship agreement is finalized, you would be responsible for informing your tutor/supervisor of all reports and evaluations that must be prepared and submitted to your university.

**We would like to remind you that Still I Rise is unable to cover any fees or expenses for your volunteer/intern application.**

### **Who do I contact for more information?**

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact us at [info@stillirisengo.org](mailto:info@stillirisengo.org)  
Please write "Internship Information" in the subject line.