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# Amity Summer English Program

# About Amity

The Amity Foundation, an independent Chinese non-profit organization, was established in 1985 on the initiative of Chinese Christians to promote education, social services, health, and rural development in China.

It was the first faith-based NGO in China.



### Sichuan

- Yi Ethnic Community Development Project in Xide County
- Integrated Rural Development Program for Yi Community, Butuo County
- Community-based rehabilitation
- Blindness prevention
- Solar and Biogas Program
- Environment Protection and Community Development
- Church-Based Community Development Program in Wuding County
- Integrated Rural Sustainable Development Program in Cangyuan County
- Food Security and Improvement of Ecological Environment
- Integrated Rural Sustainable Development, Honghe County
- HIV/AIDS Awareness and Family Care Training Program
- Earthquake relief in 1996



### Inner Mongolia

- Environment Protection and Community Development
- Snowstorm relief

### Ningxia

- Land management and community integrated development in Yanchi
- Village doctor training
- Blindness prevention

### Henan

- HIV/AIDS Awareness and Family Care Training Program
- Rural Orphan Fostering

### Gansu

- Gansu Ecological Poverty Reduction Project
- Iodine deficiency disease prevention program in Gansu
- Amity Teachers Program
- Gynecological disease control and treatment
- Village doctor training
- Blindness prevention

### Shandong

Rural orphan fostering

### Jiangsu

- Amity Teachers Program
- Flood relief in 1998
- Foster Care and Education Sponsorship for Orphans, Grandma Plan in the orphanages
- Bilingual Deaf Education

### Hubei

- Integrated Development Project in Western Hunan
- Foster Care and Education Sponsorship for Orphans, Grandma Plan in the orphanages
- Community-based Rehabilitation, Medical support and Micro-credit loan Projects for leprosy victims
- Blindness prevention

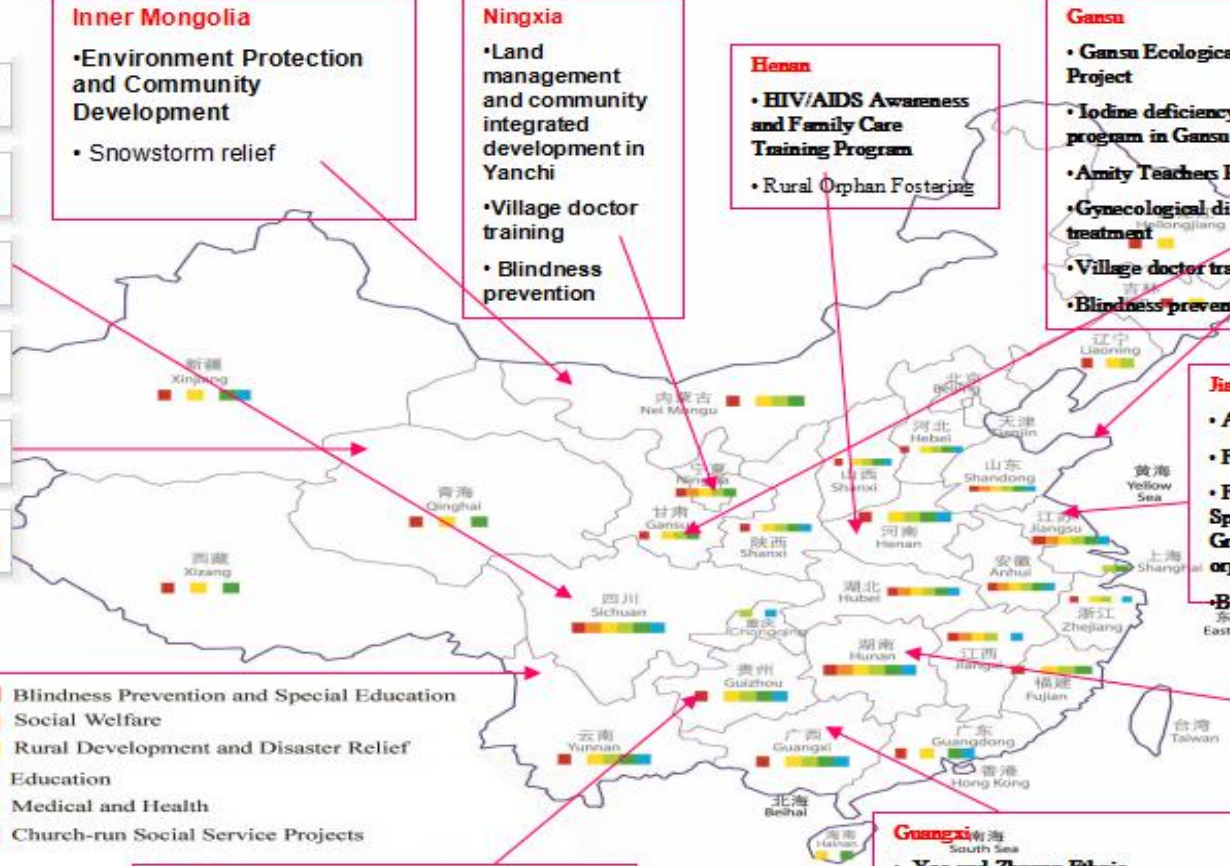
### Guangxi

- Yao and Zhuang Ethnic Community Poverty Reduction
- Integrated Rural Development in Lingyun
- Amity Teachers Program
- Libraries of Special Education Schools

### Guizhou

- Food Security and Improvement of Ecological Environment
- Integrated Rural Development Project in Puding, Guizhou Province
- Village doctor training

- Blindness Prevention and Special Education
- Social Welfare
- Rural Development and Disaster Relief
- Education
- Medical and Health
- Church-run Social Service Projects





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# 1

## Brief Introduction to Amity Summer English Program

### The Amity Summer English Program...

- started in 1988;
- is a four-week program including Orientation in Nanjing, Debriefing in Shanghai and three weeks' teaching in placement schools;
- attracted hundreds of volunteers from America, England, Canada, Norway and many other countries throughout the years;
- aims to improving the listening and speaking skills of Chinese teachers of English in remote areas who have very limited opportunities to meet with native English speakers.

As one of the earliest programs of Amity, it has benefitted thousands of Chinese teachers of English in China. Within 30 days, the trainees can not only improve their listening and speaking skills, but also broaden their horizons. In addition, new ideas and methodologies of teaching are also elicited through communication. And many voluntary teachers stay in touch with the Chinese teachers after going back and become lifelong friends. From the perspective of China as a nation, equitable education and social progress can be achieved with the new ideas being introduced.







Amity  
Headquarters

A Group Photo after Orientation at  
Amity Headquarters



Teaching

Interaction with Chinese  
Teachers in Class



**a. A visit to the Local Museum**  
**b. Costume Experience in Inner Mongolia**

**c. A Seminar on Teaching**  
**d. Nice Tour at Weekend**





## 2

# FAQs about Summer English Program

Q1

If I'm not a professional teacher, can I still apply?

Q2

Would I be teaching alone or on a team?

Q3

Are there other requirements to consider before I apply?

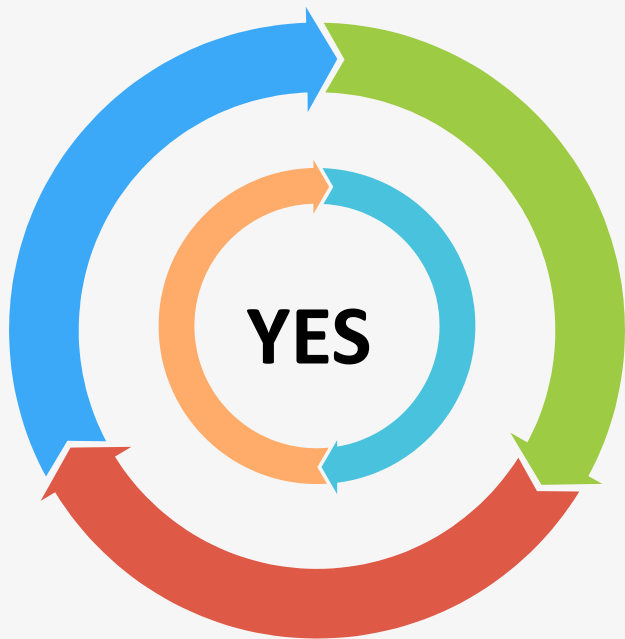
Q4

How much does it cost? .



# If I'm not a professional teacher, can I still apply?

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Teaching experience — especially English teaching experience — is always helpful, but it is not a must. Many of our volunteers are not teachers by profession. What the Chinese participants need most is practice in listening and speaking; as a fluent speaker of English you already have the basic skills necessary to provide that practice.

For the benefit of those who don't have a teaching background, Amity provides some basic training during the orientation prior to the start of the Summer English Program.

# Would I be teaching alone or on a team?

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- I. **Volunteers work with a team**, and teams are usually made up of 3-6 members.
- II. If you are affiliated with a church, you may apply through your denominational sending agency and that agency will be responsible for selecting applications and grouping team members.
- III. It simplifies the process if you and a group of friends can apply as a team, but if you apply individually, the sending agency will help to place you on a team with other interested volunteers.
- IV. If you are more comfortable with an independent approach, you may apply to Amity directly — either as a group or individually. In the case of independent applications, Amity will facilitate the process of team formation.



# Are there other requirements to consider before I apply?

There are five basic requirements for team members:

- You must be willing to observe the laws and ordinances of the Chinese government and refrain from any activity of a proselytizing nature.
- You need a college degree. If most members of a team are experienced teachers, the team can include someone that does not have a degree.
- You need to be in good health and be willing to work in tough, hot conditions.
- Each individual teacher must make sure that his/her trip to China is properly covered by medical insurance.
- If you are new to Amity's Summer Programs, you must be 70 years old or younger for service on a summer team. Veteran SEP volunteers may apply up to the age of 75.

SEP volunteers should not take their children to the program since there may be possible problems such as creating conflicts within the team, and it may cause an additional burden to host schools.



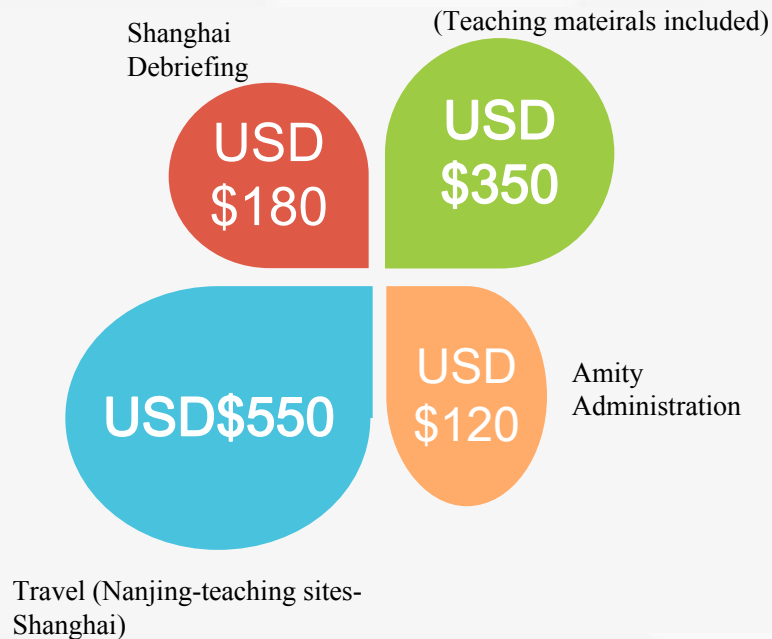
# How much does it cost?

Either you or your sending agency is responsible for arranging and paying for the following:

- Transportation from your home country to Nanjing before the program.
- Your China visa
- Your medical insurance
- Transportation from Shanghai back to your home country after the program has finished.

In addition, each volunteer pays a block grant of USD \$ 1,200.00 to cover orientation costs, domestic travel, and other program costs. The payment should be made to Amity before or during the Nanjing orientation.

## Breakdown of the Block Grant





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# 2019 Summer English Program

The dates of 2019 SEP will be from  
**July 8 (Mon.) to August 5 (Sun.).**

## Dates for the Program

The exact dates for the program change from year to year, but generally speaking, the program runs from the beginning of July to the beginning of August.

There is a 3-day orientation in Nanjing during the first week of July. Teams then travel to their sites and teach from Monday to Friday during the following 3 weeks. Finally, there is a 1-day debriefing in Shanghai.

July 8th	Arrival in Nanjing
July 9 - 11th	Orientation
July 12th	Departure to Local Schools
July 13 - Aug.2nd	Teaching
Aug.3rd	Travel to Shanghai
Aug. 4th	Debriefing
Aug. 5th	Departure

# How Do You Apply?

The Amity SEP application form is available on our website.

If you are applying through a sending agency, check with that sending agency to clarify how to proceed in filling out the application. They may have other forms for you to fill out as well.

If you are applying individually, simply print the application form and health questionnaire from the website. After you fill them out, post them or send scanned copies by email to us.



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## Contact Information

Our website is a good source of information. Search for: [www.amityfoundation.org](http://www.amityfoundation.org)

When you initially reach the website, choose the English version and then look for information about the SEP. You can also find our SEP Handbook and our teaching materials under "Teaching Resources".

For certain questions, you may want to contact a representative from your sending agency. To contact us directly, see the information provided below:

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**Thanks for Listening!**