

Individual Volunteers

Background

Fabretto has a long history of working with volunteers in Nicaragua and beyond. We offer opportunities on a case-by-case basis to Individual Volunteers who would like to give of their time and talent to support children in Central America.

Candidates selected to be Individual Volunteers will have the unique privilege of directly experiencing the realities of life in the communities in which we work, alongside our local partners. Fabretto typically accepts volunteers who can commit to a minimum of 3 months of service and who possess skills that can support current programmatic needs. We seek to place volunteers in positions that are mutually beneficial for the organization and for the individual's personal and professional growth.

Unlike many non-profits in Latin America, Fabretto is not an organization dedicated to placing volunteers. Fabretto will provide an initial orientation, set up a work schedule and local supervisor, and support volunteers in time of need. Volunteers are expected to be independent outside of work hours and comfortable living and traveling on their own in Central America. This type of work is not for everyone, and prospective volunteers should be aware that life in a developing country can be challenging, especially in the communities in which our partners work.

Volunteer Work

In general, volunteers will work directly with students and other community members, alongside Fabretto's local partners. Based on local needs, Fabretto seeks individual volunteers with qualifications and relevant experience in areas such as:

- **Education**
- **Teaching English as a Second Language**
- **Arts, Crafts & Music**
- **Food Security & Nutrition**
- **Entrepreneurship, Micro-Enterprise, and Small Business Management**
- **Agriculture**

Cost

Fabretto does not charge any individual volunteers a participation fee. However, **volunteers are typically responsible for all of their in-country expenses** including food, transportation, and daily living costs, unless a special arrangement is made.



Housing

Housing varies depending upon location. Fabretto's local partners may be able to support volunteers with finding housing options. Please note that housing conditions are simple and rustic; volunteers should be prepared to immerse themselves in the local environment, experiencing daily life in a developing country (i.e. water outages, insects, etc.) and forgoing many typical Western amenities.

Volunteer Qualifications

Essential Qualifications:

- Demonstrate at least **intermediate-level Spanish proficiency** (oral, written, & reading).
- Be **18 years or older**.
- Be **financially responsible** for all in-country expenses. Candidates should plan to save for their commitment prior to arriving in country and be financially responsible while here.
- Demonstrate **flexibility**, a positive attitude, and an open mind.
- Feel comfortable **living independently** in small, developing communities.
- Have or be able to obtain private, international **medical insurance** valid for the duration of time spent in Central America.
- Agree to abide by the Fabretto Code of Conduct and Safeguarding Policy.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Have prior experience living in developing countries.
- Have skills and/or experience in the areas listed above under "Volunteer Work."

Application Process

Interested applicants who meet the qualifications listed above should submit a resume/CV and fill out the [Fabretto Volunteer Interest Form](#). Fabretto will assess current program needs and contact applicants within 2-4 weeks with a decision. Fabretto's team will schedule an interview, evaluate Spanish proficiency, and explore potential projects.

To learn more about Fabretto, our partners, and our work, please visit www.fabretto.org.

Thank you for your interest in supporting our mission!