

Grace Year Application

Hey! We're glad to see that you've discerned a call to participate in Grace Year. First, tell us your email address so we can make sure you get a copy of your own application at the end.

*** Required**

1. Email address *

Welcome.

An overview of this application:

There are eight sections:

1. Give us your email address and get ready (done!)
2. The Basics
3. Your Education
4. Conventional Qualifications (resumé)
5. About You!
6. In Living, In Learning, In Praxis
7. Who could you become with the gift of a year?
8. Self-Expression (Optional)

You can view the full list of application questions on our website before beginning this application. However, we *really* encourage you not to overthink it.

The Basics

These questions are easy and short. Just breeze right on through

2. What is your full name? *

3. What would you like to be called? *

4. What are your gender pronouns? *

5. What day were you born? *

6. So, what age will you be on June 10, 2020? Just help us out with this one :) *

7. What is your phone number? *

8. What is your current living address? If you're anticipating a move, please note that. *

9. What is your current mailing address, if different from your living address?

10. Do you speak any languages other than English? Do you know enough to be able to work in that language?

11. What is your main activity these days? *

- I'm a student.
- I'm working.
- I'm volunteering / training / apprenticing.
- I'm traveling and will totally send you a postcard to Grace Year [PO Box 366 Millbrook NY 12545]
- I'm discerning / wandering / none of the above.

12. How did you hear about Grace Year? (If it's a specific person, let us know who so we can thank them please) *

Your Education

13. High school name, location, and graduation year: *

14. College or university name, location, and graduation year: *

15. What was your major/ minor/ concentration/ focus of your college studies? *

16. What was the name of your favorite course in college? Who taught it? *

17. What experience in college outside of the classroom most impacted you? *

18. Do you hold any other trainings or certifications that you'd like us to know about? *

19. Have you pursued any post-baccalaureate studies so far? *

- No, I am still in college and graduating soon.
- No. I graduated from college and have not studied since then.
- Yes, a fellowship, training program, post-bac study program, or other non-accredited study.
- Yes, I have enrolled in a graduate program but am dropping out or taking a year off.
- Yes, I enrolled in a graduate program and graduated.

20. If you answered yes, please give us a link to the program(s).

21. If you are an international student, are you planning to apply (or have you already applied) for OPT?

I will apply.

I have applied already.

Conventional
Qualifications

We take a holistic approach and it's important to us to get to know you as a whole person. We acknowledge the limitations of conventional qualifications and metrics but they do provide helpful information. The sections to come will give you more opportunities for other kinds of self expression

22. Please upload your resume as a PDF file.

Files submitted:

23. Please upload your college transcript as a PDF file. An unofficial transcript is absolutely fine. If you don't have your college transcript right now, skip this question and email it to us later at hello@graceyear.org.

Files submitted:

24. Please include a link or two to any social media or website about you that you want to share that shows of your personality (LinkedIn, Instagram, personal website, archived childhood blog). If you'd like to look us ours are [linkedin.com/company/10860952](https://www.linkedin.com/company/10860952) and [instagram.com/graceyearprogram](https://www.instagram.com/graceyearprogram) and [instagram.com/graceyearfellows](https://www.instagram.com/graceyearfellows) *

25. Please describe your current or most recent work experience. How did you end up in that position? What was/is your role? How do you feel about it? *

26. Please share the name, contact information, and relationship of two references. Be sure to let them know that you are applying to Grace Year! *

Ok,
you!
All
about
you!

The experience of Grace Year is about you as a whole person. To best support you, we'd like to get to know you better. This section will dive into who you are, what you do out there in the world, and what you hope to become. Don't think too hard -- you already know all the answers! Focus on you. In the next section, you'll have the opportunity to show why Grace Year is the right fit for you.

27. Please tell us about some of your social identities such as race, gender, class, sexuality, religion, or nationalities. What identities are most relevant to you and why? *

28. What is your Myers-Briggs personality type? If you don't know, go take a quick online test- 16personalities.com works well. Don't worry about the 5th letter. *

29. Your Myers-Briggs type categorizes you as an "introvert" or an "extrovert." It's a spectrum related to how you get your energy. How do you consider yourself? Does it vary? *

30. If you prefer the Enneagram, please share your number here.

31. Name a special skill that you have that wouldn't ever appear on a normal resumé. *

In
Living,
In
Learning,
In Praxis

Grace Year is a multi-faceted experience. We will be living together in intentional community, and learning together in reflection, practice, and study. As we work in the world at non-profit organizations, we bring our insights back into our home. The questions below are intended for you to share more about where you're coming from and what you will contribute to the cohort and the overall experience of Grace Year. Remember, there are no right answers and your responses may be as brief as you wish.

32. Krista Tippett always begins her "On Being" interviews by asking about the spiritual and/or religious upbringing of the interviewee's childhood. Please reflect on yours. *

33. What is your spiritual and/ or religious life like now? How do you connect (or not) to spirituality these days? *

34. How do you spend your time when you're not trying to be productive? *

35. How would you explain intentional community to a friend? Don't go Google it. Alternatively, what are your thoughts on communal living / cooperative living? *

36. Have you lived in intentional community before? What calls you to consider it now? *

37. Grace Year's themes are spirituality, leadership, and justice. Which of these do you connect to the most and why? *

38. Have you lived in a country outside of the U.S.? What was it like? *

39. In what setting(s) have you lived (urban, rural, suburban)? Have you lived in a rural community before? If you have never living in a rural setting before, do you feel ready for the experience of the one-stoplight town of Millbrook, New York? *

Who could you become with the gift of a year?

It's a year for discernment, reflection, growth, and experimentation. It's a gift of a fully-funded year free from the conventional stress of rent, bills, and other concerns to go deep into figuring out who you are and what you do for the world. We seek to prepare fellows for "sustained leadership for the common good."

40. Who could you become with the gift of a year?

Self-Expression

This section is totally optional. There might be aspects of yourself, your goals, and how you relate to Grace Year that you haven't yet a chance to share.

41. Is there anything else about you that you would like us to know?

42. Your Space: Your Space is an optional section of our application...so don't stress over it! This is a chance for you to show ~the admission committee~ something else about yourself. There is no "right" answer on what you should submit. For example, past applicants have sent poetry, cartoons, art projects, photography, collages, short stories, videos, short films, and CDs. It is your space, so if you choose to complete it, send something that is a reflection of you! {Text lifted from Vassar College}

Files submitted:

43. Do you want to provide any context or captions for the above file(s)?

That's it, you did it! We'll talk soon. Also, Grace Year life is currently being documented on Instagram at @graceyearfellows and @graceyearprogram.

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