

# GO ABOVE AND BEYOND.



VOLUNTEER

WITH THE

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL SPORTING CHANCE  
ACADEMY

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 04 JULY 17



“VOLUNTEERING MY TIME IS SOMETHING THAT I ALWAYS WANTED TO ACHIEVE. I LOVED THE COMMUNITY AND THE KIDS, THE LAND IS SIMPLY BEAUTIFUL AND CULTURE IS SO STRONG. I HAVE LEARNED NEW SKILLS, WAYS AND VIEWS. I FELT DEEPLY CONNECTED AND SO PASSIONATE. I CANNOT RECOMMEND AN EXPERIENCE LIKE THIS MORE HIGHLY. THANK YOU TO NASCA FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.”

EMMA ARDLER



VOLUNTEER-2016.

## essential information

### DURATION

Volunteers commit to living and working in a remote community for one week. Prior to program delivery, development and training is undertaken, requiring additional commitment.

### TRAINING

Volunteers undertake Induction training in Redfern, with further development pre-departure for Aboriginal communities in Alice Springs. NASCA facilitates cultural context training and provides a certificate on completion of the program for eligible participants.

### LOCATION

Induction training is held in Redfern, NSW. The week-long program leaves from Alice Springs to one of eight remote communities in the central desert region.

### COSTS

Airfares, accommodation and training are at **no cost** to volunteers. There is a \$25 application fee paid to NASCA. You will also need to pay \$5 for your NT WWCC Check directly to Safe NT.

### FUNDRAISING COMMITMENT

NASCA provides support and training for volunteers to fundraise. Fundraising is a requirement for participation.

### PROGRAM DATES

**04 July**  
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**12 Aug**  
INDUCTION - Sydney

**19-26 Aug**  
PROGRAM DELIVERY - NT

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We welcome people from all backgrounds to apply.

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# volunteer experience



“THE WEEK WAS INSIGHTFUL TO ME ON SO MANY LEVELS. I AM ALL THE WISER FOR THE EXPERIENCE AND I FEEL A SENSE OF ENRICHMENT AND CONNECTION.”

**Claire Geary**  
VOLUNTEER  
2016

# revealing the champion

NASCA is dedicated to enriching the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people. We lead the way in program delivery for Indigenous youth. As an Aboriginal not-for-profit we hold the necessary expertise and connections to contribute to positive social change in our communities.

Partnering with eight remote Northern Territory Schools, NASCA's program is delivered by volunteers and staff for a week, three times per year in each community across four delivery points (March, June, August and October). In addition to in-class support the program delivers over 700 hours of sport, health, mentoring and personal development activities.

We use our unique abilities and our community engagement skills to connect young people with school and future ambitions. We aim to increase school attendance/retention, improve students' attitudes towards school, promote positive learning experiences and improve teamwork, communication and leadership skills.

## volunteer role

Designed as a cultural exchange and immersion experience for volunteers, our program features a balance between your development in working in a remote Aboriginal community and utilising your expertise to deliver NASCA's program.

Working for a week with young people in the Northern Territory, volunteers:

- provide daily assistance in a remote classroom.
- assist in the delivery of targeted vocational learning workshops.
- participate in sport and physical education.
- work after school to deliver recreational and life skills activities.
- participate in cultural and community activities.





# what we're looking for:

## VOLUNTEERS

- Indigenous and non-Indigenous participants.
- Demonstrated interest in or knowledge of issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.
- Experience in sport, education and community development.
- Experience working with young people.
- Outstanding communication skills.
- People willing to get involved and fully participate in activities.
- Individuals passionate about and willing to fundraise for NASCA.
- Skills to contribute to some of the following program areas:
  - Promoting good diet
  - Exercise
  - Self-esteem
  - Connection to Land and Culture
  - Education
  - Vocational Education
  - Creative Arts
  - Sports
- Willingness to take the full week's leave from their position - there is no access to work time or facilities during the program.
- Over 21yrs on application.
- Team player.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Personal drive and positive 'can do' attitude.
- Individuals who model healthy life choices and success.

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— JAKE VRAHOS



VOLUNTEER—  
2016.

# about NASCA

NASCA IS 100% ABORIGINAL GOVERNED

## VISION

A proud, prosperous, healthy Australia where Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander young people thrive.

## VALUES

Integrity  
Excellence  
Trust  
Teamwork  
Culture

## GOALS

- Inspire students through role modeling & mentorship
  - Develop life skills
  - Increase school engagement & attendance
- Strengthen cultural pride
- Develop healthy life choices

## PRINCIPLES

Active  
Healthy  
Hands on  
Skills  
Smarts  
Goals  
Opportunities

NASCA uses the power of structured sporting programs and cultural initiatives to harness the educational and health aspirations of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander young people.

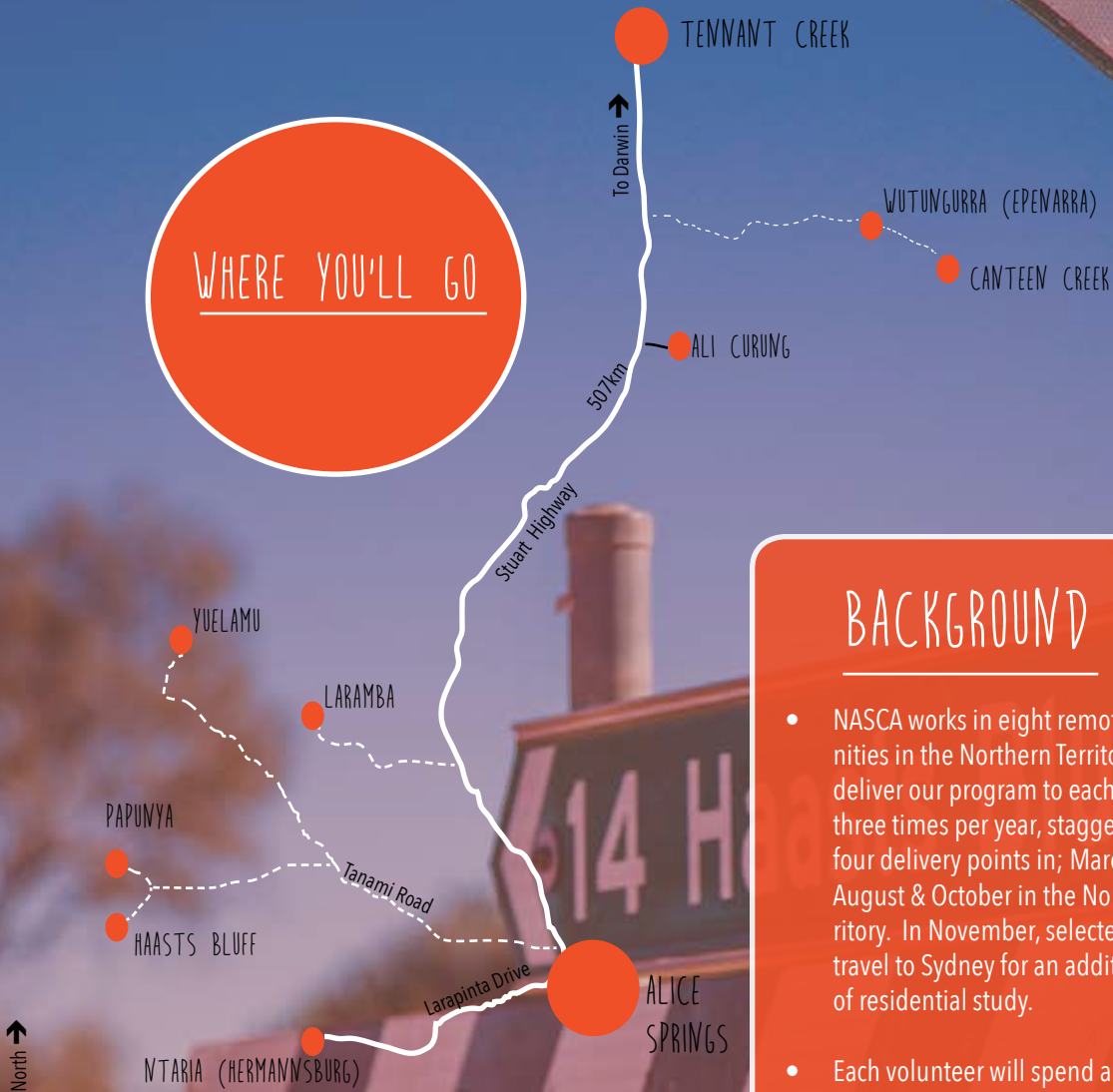
We address the root causes of inequality, and use our Aboriginal knowledge and expertise to ensure young people stay strong in their culture and identity and are resilient in combating the structural and systemic bias prevalent in Australia today.

NASCA strengthens:

- School attendance and performance
- Physical, mental and spiritual health; and
- Pride in Aboriginality

# NASCA communities

WHERE YOU'LL GO



## BACKGROUND

- NASCA works in eight remote communities in the Northern Territory. We deliver our program to each community three times per year, staggered across four delivery points in; March, June, August & October in the Northern Territory. In November, selected students travel to Sydney for an additional week of residential study.
- Each volunteer will spend an entire week in one community.
- NASCA has operated the NT program in some communities for over a decade. Since 2015 NASCA has grown delivery from four communities to eight.
- Each community is unique, however the amazing landscape is universally beautiful.
- NASCA works in partnership with remote schools to enhance the learning experiences and resourcing to improve the educational outcomes for our kids. We do so building on the inherent strength of the community.

# apply in 4 easy steps



# 1

## GO ONLINE

Visit [www.nasca.org.au/volunteer](http://www.nasca.org.au/volunteer) to begin your online application.

# 2

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Address the Selection Criteria - this statement should demonstrate your skills and experience, and your suitability for the role. Also complete the application form and medical form.

# 3

## CHECKS

Complete the AFP check forms (remember to attach to your application with 100 points of ID) and the Northern Territory Working With Children Check form (completed online via <https://forms.pfes.nt.gov.au/safent/>)

# 4

## APPLICATION FEES

After submitting your application online you will be redirected to PayPal to pay the \$25 application fee. You will also pay \$5 direct to SafeNT when you submit your NT Working With Childrens Check.



# frequently asked questions

**Do I need to be an athlete or sporty person to participate?**

**No.** We welcome volunteers from a range of backgrounds and abilities. A willingness to 'get in and have a go' is essential – so trying your best in sporting activities is important.

**Is NASCA a sports body?**

**No.** The 'sporting' in our name is about facilitating a 'sporting chance' at life. We use sports and health programs to promote engagement, but our focus is much broader; assisting Aboriginal people to reach their potential.

**Can non-Indigenous people apply?**

**Yes.** We welcome volunteers from all backgrounds.

**Can I choose my travel arrangements and stay in the Northern Territory on completion of the program?**

**No.** As a non-profit organisation our focus is on our program delivery and cost efficiency for travel and our staff time in making arrangements.

**How much do I need to fundraise?**

We provide support for you to reach a target of \$1,000, however your participation is not reliant on the amount of money you raise. **Every dollar helps** NASCA to deliver our programs.

**How old must I be?**

We invite applicants **over 21yrs to apply.** We believe volunteers with life experience and greater distance in age from our beneficiaries is the winning combination. We especially encourage applicants over 40yrs to apply.

**Can I choose the community I volunteer in?**

**No.** NASCA determines the make up of teams with a balance of age, backgrounds and experience.

**How much do I pay to participate?**

You must pay the application fee of \$25. You may need to cover the costs of your own travel to Induction training in Sydney. All other costs are covered by NASCA. It is compulsory for you to fundraise.

**I can't make Induction Training, can I still participate?**

**No.** It is essential that volunteers participate in all program activities.



# online application guide

**Visit [www.nasca.org.au/volunteer](http://www.nasca.org.au/volunteer) to complete your online application.** You can save your application at any time by clicking 'save and continue later.' You must finish and submit your application by **midnight July 4th.**

## Step 1:

**You will be asked to complete the following selection criteria:**

1. Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of issues facing Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples & experience working with young Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people.
2. Demonstrated excellent communication, interpersonal & relationship building skills and the ability to listen and learn from others (including young people).
3. Demonstrated experience working with young people.
4. Demonstrated experience in implementing effective strategies to motivate and engage young people in one or more of the following program areas: Promoting good diet, Team sport, Positive self-esteem, Connection to land & culture, Exercise, Education, Creative Arts, Vocational Education
5. How will you inspire young people that you work with?
7. What is your reason for volunteering with NASCA?

## Steps 2-3:

You will complete an application form and medical form. Key information includes work history, the details of at least two professional referee's and information related to medical conditions/ allergies.

## Step 4:

NASCA conducts both AFP National Police Checks and Northern Territory Working With Childrens Checks for all volunteers. Even if you have an existing AFP NPC Check you are still required to complete this step.

### i) AFP National Police Check Form:

Download the AFP NPC Form via our website <http://nasca.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/1784-NASCA-NPC-Form.pdf>.

Prepare 100 points of ID (jpg, png, or pdf)

You will be directed to attach both documents to your application in step 4.

### ii) Northern Territory Working With Children Check:

Please complete your NT WWCC application online prior to submitting your application via <https://forms.pfes.net.gov.au/safent/> - there will be a \$5 fee paid directly to SafeNT.



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To complete the NT WWCC check you will need:

- NASCA's Volunteer concession form to be eligible for the discounted \$5 fee - <http://nasca.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Ochre-Volunteer-Concesion-Form-NASCA.pdf>
- 100 Points of ID
- A passport sized photograph of yourself. You will not need an official passport photo, **an image taken on your smart phone is acceptable.** (Close up of your head and shoulders, taken against a white or pale background, no pixilation, no hats or sunglasses)
- If you have lived outside Australia for a period of more than 6 months in the past 5 years and have a Criminal Record Check from that country, please provide it to SafeNT. If not, please submit the check as normal and contact volunteer@nasca.org.au

After submitting the NT WWCC you will receive an Application Number. So that we know you have completed the check, you will be directed to provide NASCA with your Application Number in Step 4 of your online application.

## Step 5:

After submitting your application you will be re-directed to PayPal to pay the \$25 application fee. You will be able to pay via credit/debit cards or via a PayPal account. You will receive a receipt via email.

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## APPLICANT CHECKLIST

- complete the online application
- attach AFP forms and 100 points of ID
- complete NT WWCC
- pay \$25 application fee

## CONTACT US:

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