



# Volunteer Application Form

Thank you for expressing interest in serving with Ubuntu Football. We are a Christian Non-Profit, Non-Government organisation based in the Southern Peninsula of Cape Town, South Africa.

**The mandate of Ubuntu Football is to *mentor and educate the next generation of great African leaders, society-changers and footballers.***

**Our vision is:**

- to be the leading football development program in Africa
- to invest holistically in talented young footballers in a long-term context, enabling them to reach their full potential both on the football pitch and as men of excellent character

## **What is Ubuntu?**

Ubuntu (oo-boon-too) is an African expression of togetherness. It means that what I am is intrinsically linked to and part of what we are. Nowhere is this idea of human synergy more perfectly expressed than on a sports field where a group of individuals rise or fall together depending on the presence or absence of that intangible alchemy, melding individuals into one seamless unit. Ubuntu.

## **How we work – Our Strategy**

### **Football Forward and Skills School:**

This initiative is how we identify potential talent for our academy. Through scouting and open trials we are able to identify high potential players. On Fridays we offer our official Football Forward for these players. They receive professional training, character building and we build a strong relationship with their families whilst grooming the under 12's for the opportunity to be in our academy.

On Mondays and Wednesdays we facilitate our Skills School as our community engagement program in for locations around the city. This a give back and income generation tactic. A typical session involves learning a new skill, participating in a devotion, and then enjoying more than an hour of 5-a-side play. We use this program to meet kids and help develop and mentor them from a young age.

### **Ubuntu Football Academy:**

Each year we add 8 to 12 of our Football Forward players to the Academy through a process of intensive trials and scouting. Our academy includes: daily professional football training, Grade 7-12 education at our private, independent school, mentorship and leadership training and a loving residence for students who live far away or in hostile home situations. During these years we focus on their holistic development on the field, academically, and emotionally as well as assist with their future career planning and pathways. Most graduates, depending on their skill set and exposure, have the option of playing football professionally (locally and internationally), studying in the US on a football bursary, or studying locally and finding an internship/job.

**Graduates:**

We have a close knit relationship with most of our alumni (since 2015) and continue to keep a mentorship relationship where possible. Since our mandate is holistic, we want to see our boys continue to live out the Ubuntu values and bring positive change in all their spheres of influence.

Please direct all applications and questions to [kierra@ubuntufootball.com](mailto:kierra@ubuntufootball.com)

If you are interested in serving with us please fill out the application on the following pages.

For more info please check out: [www.ubuntufootball.com](http://www.ubuntufootball.com)



# Individual Application Form (All Volunteers)

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed trip dates: \_\_\_\_\_  
dd/mm/yyyy dd/mm/yyyy - dd/mm/yyyy

Full name (as it appears on passport): \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Tel.: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Fax) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

(Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
dd/mm/yy

Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have a valid passport? \_\_\_\_

Passport Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any health issues that we should be aware of?

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Please tell us about your interest in volunteering with Ubuntu.

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Please list and briefly describe other volunteer organizations or ministries you have been involved with and your role or activities.

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**Please describe any cross-cultural experiences/activities in which you have participated or are currently involved.**

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**What are your skills/strengths that you are hoping to share with Ubuntu?**

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**What are your expectations or hopes regarding this project?**

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**Briefly describe your education/career history.**

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**Where do you see yourself in 5 years? Your personal vision for your life?**

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**Tell us a bit about your football playing and coaching experience.**

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**What are your areas of weakness?**

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**When do you find it difficult to submit to others?**

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**What do you get excited about?**

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**Are you a fan of any big sports team?**

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**If you could get a piggy back from anyone who would it be and why?**

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**What is your wildest dream for your life?**

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**What is your favourite comfort food?**

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Who is your celebrity crush?

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Are you a member of a local church? If so, which one?

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Pastor's contact details:

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Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are, please describe your present involvement with your home church:

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**NB:** Please can you also send a police clearance or FBI clearance with your application.

## References:

Please attach two brief references written by relevant people (pastor, sports coach, etc.) and someone involved in your life and character development.

Please give us contact details for two people that we can contact as reference (can be the same as above or different):

1	Name:	
	Contact details:	
2	Name:	
	Contact details:	

## Ubuntu Volunteer Commitment

Ubuntu Football Academy would like to thank you for volunteering your time and talents in support of our efforts to develop stronger, healthier communities.

While we operate as a Christian ministry, we welcome the support and volunteer efforts of people from various backgrounds and religious convictions, asking only that they agree to the following commitment:

- I accept the leadership and authority of Ubuntu in matters related to the organisation's staff and students, and I commit my support to furthering the success of the organisation and its students in meeting their goals;
- I understand that the character and value-based teaching of the organisation is integral to its approach to development. I will refrain from comments or behaviour that could undermine the values of Ubuntu, particularly when I am with students.

I \_\_\_\_\_ accept to comply with the decisions set in place by Ubuntu Football and the Ubuntu Football staff. I will not hold Ubuntu Football or any of the Ubuntu Football staff accountable for any illness, injury, property loss, or any damages that I may sustain while serving with the Ubuntu Football Academy. I realise that I am a volunteer and therefore will not receive any type of financial compensation for my work with Ubuntu Football. I commit to working to the best of my ability to help accomplish the Ubuntu vision.

Should you have any questions, concerns or suggestions regarding your volunteer role, please discuss them with the staff coordinator.

We value your service, and hope your experience with Ubuntu is a rewarding one.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please attach a recommendation letter from your pastor, ministry leader or other reference and submit this completed form to Ubuntu [kierra@ubuntufootball.com](mailto:kierra@ubuntufootball.com)