



“Hoops Creating Hope” Basketball Academy Student Leader Application

**July 3 – July 20, 2014
(Camp in Session: July 7 – July 18, 2014)
Chennai, India**

Crossover Basketball and Scholars Academy is the first non-profit international program in India to leverage athletic values and skill as a means to develop academic opportunities for Indian students and create future community leaders. The main objective of Crossover Basketball is to use basketball as a vehicle of change for students - increasing their educational opportunities through leadership, communication and the idea of teamwork in best preparing them for high school and university.

Crossover Basketball is dedicated to the idea that India is unlike any other country where basketball has been expanded, due in large part to the potential for academic as well as athletic success for children. The key to integrating sport within the community will be its emphasis on the promotion of educational prospects domestically and internationally. Crossover participants will not only be educated in a non-biased way as to opportunities that currently exist and how to achieve those goals, but will also be supported in their endeavors outside of India once they leave the program. We are not just preparing athletes and helping to increase education rates, we are helping prepare future leaders for Indian communities.

This year Crossover will bring students from America to assist the program in a variety of ways. There are opportunities for basketball players to be a camp counselor leading drills and connecting with local students ages 9-14. There are also other ways to become involved by assisting with logistics, documenting the program via photography and video, or helping the program in other ways based on student interest and program needs. For all students, there will be a writing and reflection program to take advantage of this out-of-context experience. We will keep blog, journal, and tweet while we are there. Furthermore, we will discuss ways in which this experience can supplement the work you do at your school.

Cost for American students to participate as counselors in the program is \$3000. That includes airfare from Boston – Chennai – Boston and all of the expenses in India. There is limited financial aid available and the program is working diligently to secure more funds.

The cost for local students to attend the camp is free. We are hosted by the American International School of Chennai and will be staying at their faculty apartments close to campus. High school teachers as well as Crossover Basketball volunteers will serve as chaperones.

“Basketball has opened doors to so many around the world and is a perfect sport for India; a dynamic, engaging sport that uses critical thinking, athleticism, creativity and teamwork. Being on the forefront of engaging younger students with long-term goals of high school and university completion regardless of current economic struggles means that they can not only expect, but will, be part of our program for years to come” said Founder Shaun Jayachandran.

To learn more about the philosophy and research that guide the Crossover Basketball program, please [click here](#).

If you have questions about any aspect of the program or application, please contact Crossover Basketball President Shaun Jayachandran (shaun@crossover-india.org) who will lead the program.

Crossover Basketball Student Application (Please Print)

1. Name: _____
Last First Middle Name that you use

2. Home Address: _____
Street and number City State Zip Code

3. Home Telephone Number:(_____) _____

4. Date of Birth: _____
month-day-year

Country of Birth: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

5. Present Grade Level: _____

6. Current School: _____

7. Activities at School: _____

Please respond to the following questions and along with your application send to shaun@crossover-india.org.

A. Crossover Basketball is a service-learning program and that is different from a community service activity. What do you hope to gain and what can you give to the program?

B. Context is critical in understanding a community. The school children from Chennai attending the program live in a very different context from you. Give an instance where context was important to something you learned.

C. There are many parts of this trip that are uncomfortable (physically, emotionally, socially). We will examine the connections between our external views of the wider world and our internal reactions to new experiences. What has been stressful for you in your life? Generally, how do you respond to stress?

D. Imagine yourself in Chennai in front of a group of children looking to you for guidance on the basketball court or in a classroom and wanting to get to know you better off the court. What gets you excited about this opportunity?

Family Information:

Parent 1 (guardian): _____
Name Address (if different from applicant's)

Phone: _____
(home) (work) (mobile) (fax)

Parent 2 (guardian): _____
Name Address (if different from applicant's)

Phone: _____
(home) (work) (mobile) (fax)

E-mail for Parent 1: _____

E-mail for Parent 2: _____

Please sign the following statement: I have spoken with my parents/guardian about this opportunity and received their permission to participate.

Applicant Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Recommendations:

Please give the recommendation form to a school teacher, **along with a business-sized envelope addressed to "Crossover Program", PO Box 470686, Brookline, MA 02447** or email the form to shaun@crossover-india.org. Additional references need only to be available to speak on your behalf if we contact them.

a) School Teacher Recommendation: _____

b) Additional Reference #1: _____

c) Additional Reference #2: _____

Financial Support:

Please indicate how much financial support (if any) you will require to participate in this program. Program fee is \$3000.

Support Required: _____