

LIFEGUARDING USA

Application form to take part in the television series 'Lifeguarding USA' (working title)

This observational documentary series is aimed at young viewers between the ages of 12 and 16 and will broadcast on a major national television channel. We will follow **six** self-sufficient, outgoing and ambitious, 16 to 17 year olds from the UK as they're put through their paces at the world's largest Lifeguarding Programme in California during the Summer of 2008.

You'll be living together and supporting each other for the whole eight weeks of this amazing course. From eight-mile ocean swims to 40ft pier jumps, emergency CPR training to four-day hiking missions, training alongside hundreds of USA teens and real working lifeguards, this life-changing experience is not for the faint-hearted. If you don't have the drive and endurance to challenge yourself, both physically and mentally, then this isn't for you. But if you're ready to be plunged in at the deep end and want to embark on an adventure that you'll never forget, then get ready for the most exciting summer of your life.

Eligibility

1. You must be a UK citizen and have a current **UK passport**.
2. You must be aged **16 to 17**.
Specifically, your birth date must be between **07/08/90 and 28/06/92**.
This information will be verified.
3. You must be available to travel to the USA for filming for the whole duration of **28/06/08 to 23/08/08**. It is important that you and your parents/guardians check with your school/college that these dates will not clash with exams or your required attendance.
4. You must be able to swim a **minimum of 90 metres in 1 min 50 seconds**, be able to tread water for 5 minutes and swim underwater for 10 metres. *Preferably, you can better these times and distances.* **Please note that there will be trials to test these abilities before participants are chosen.**
5. You must have the **consent** of your parent/guardian.
6. You must have **no criminal convictions** and there must not be any outstanding criminal warrants for your arrest.
7. You must not have appeared in a television reality series or be involved in the current production of any such reality television show.

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8. If selected as a participant you must execute all waivers and release agreements required by the producers (Rival Media Limited), broadcaster and Lifeguard School.
9. You must be in excellent mental and physical health, and be emotionally well-balanced and resilient.
10. You must be willing to supply medical information to the production and submit to a medical examination, psychological examination where required, and police background check.
11. VISA's for travel and study in the USA will be supplied by the production.
12. All travel expenses, flights, accommodation, course fees, uniform, food and subsistence, will be supplied by the production. You will need to pay for your own incidentals (such as snacks outside mealtimes, gifts, leisure activities not organised by the production).
13. The deadline for the first round of applications is **30 April 2008**.
Applicants will be interviewed by phone and in person during **May 2008**.
Successful applicants will be informed early **June 2008**.

All applicants MUST be able to meet the above requirements, without exception, before completing the following application form. All information will be verified.

Note that participants will be chaperoned by the production team and local vetted families at all times when they are on location in the USA, even while they are not being filmed.

Please be aware that, sadly, we will not be able to audition everyone who applies.

We are looking for a range of participants from many different backgrounds and we have a variety of criteria, so please don't be disappointed if you are not chosen for interview.

Your application will be considered carefully, but please do not contact Rival Media directly regarding your application or the interview process.

The Producer's and the Production Team's decisions regarding selection to appear in the programmes and take part in the course are final.



APPLICATION FORM

Please complete this application form and email it to lifeguard@rival-media.com with the subject heading "**LIFEGUARD APPLICATION**" including two photographs of yourself: **one head shot and one full-length**. Alternatively you can post the completed form and photos to: **LIFEGUARD APPLICATION, Room 1.08, The Lightbox, 111 Power Road, London, W4 5PY**. If you would like your photos returned to you please include a stamped addressed envelope.

Personal contact details

Name	
Age & date of birth	
Home address	
Home telephone	
Mobile telephone	
Email address	
Facebook/Myspace/Bebo/other social networking address	

Eligibility Questions

Are you a UK citizen with a current UK passport ?	Yes / No
Are you aged 16 to 17 (turning 16 on or before 28/06/08 and not turning 18 before 07/08/08).	Yes / No
Are you able to travel to the USA for filming between 28/06/08 to 23/08/08 .	Yes / No
Can you swim a minimum of 90 metres in 1 min 50 seconds, tread water for 5 minutes and swim underwater for 10 metres. NB. This will be tested.	Yes / No
Do you have the consent of your parent/guardian? Please provide the details of your parent/guardian overleaf.	Yes / No

Name of parent/guardian	
Home address of parent/guardian	
Home telephone of parent/guardian	
Mobile telephone of parent/guardian	
Email address of parent/guardian	
Signature of parent/guardian (if application is posted) <i>- will be required for auditions</i>	

Do you have any allergies or are you currently taking any medication?	
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Are you currently attending school or further education?	
If so, please give details including contact information	

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How do you usually spend your summers?

Do you have any formal sports and/or lifeguarding qualifications or awards? If so, please state them here...

Describe your swimming and/or watersport/boating experience. What are your likes & dislikes about these activities? What are your abilities and weaknesses?

What 3 words would your friends use to describe you?

If you could take one luxury item away with you, what would it be and why?

Who would you say is your hero and why?

Have you been on TV before? (If so, when?) Are you a member of any professional performers union (e.g. Equity or Film Artists Association)?

Have you been to the USA before? (If so, when and to where?)

Apart from the USA, have you travelled outside the UK before? (If so, when and to where?)

If you were invited to a casting, which of these cities would be preferable?

LONDON BELFAST CARDIFF EDINBURGH MANCHESTER PLYMOUTH

Sell yourself to us! Why do you want to be part of this series? What is it that sets you apart from other applicants?

If emailing this application form please copy and paste your head shot and full length photo in this space. Do not email as separate attachments.

If posting this application, please affix/attach your pictures on this page.

Frequently asked questions

What will we have to pay for?

Nothing. If selected to participate in the programme and course, your flight, accommodation, lifeguarding tuition, food, and excursion expenses will be covered. Personal expenses such as gifts and extras will not. Expenses during the casting and trials process will be at the discretion of the Producers.

Where exactly in the USA will we be going to?

You will be travelling to the West Coast of America. We'll let you and your parents know the exact location should you be shortlisted.

Does it matter if I already have lifeguarding training?

It does not matter if you've already had lifeguarding training. Qualifications will neither help nor hinder your application.

Will I be a fully qualified Lifeguard at the end of this course?

No. The course is intended to teach ocean safety and the fundamentals of lifeguarding to a very high standard in a secure environment that is both fun and educational. All students who pass the course will have a thorough grounding in lifesaving and the skills required to become a certified lifeguard. However, for those demonstrating exceptional ability, the prospects of qualifying as a full lifeguard, for a career or part-time work (in the USA or UK), are excellent.

What if my school/exams/results dates clash with the filming dates?

Unfortunately our filming dates are not flexible. Therefore, if you are unable to commit to the full eight weeks between 28/06/08 and 23/08/08 then we cannot accept your application. Please make sure you have this clearance from your work or school and family before applying. We cannot condone you missing required school attendance or exams to take part in this television series.

When will I find out if I'm through?

The deadline for first-round applications is **30 April 2008**. If you have been successful we will then invite you to casting during **May 2008**. Applications will then be finalised by early **June 2008**.

Sadly due to the huge number of applications we receive, we cannot acknowledge receipt of application forms or respond to everyone personally.

If you have not had a response by the end of our casting dates, you have not been shortlisted.

STAYING IN CONTACT

For more information bulletins on 'Lifeguarding USA' and our other upcoming shows please add **RivalMedia London** to your facebook page or **Rival Media** to your Myspace page.

If you have any further questions regarding the course or admissions criteria, you are welcome to get in touch by email via **lifeguard@rival-media.com** using the subject line "**LIFEGUARD QUESTION**" but please do not email to find out if your application has been successful. We will be in touch in due course. However, in exceptional circumstances where you are required to make other commitments, please inform us and we'll do our best to respond in a timely manner. Please do not contact us by phone unless you have been specifically asked to do so.

DATA PROTECTION

All information provided is subject to and will be treated in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. The information you supply on this application system may be stored by Rival Media Limited on computer and hard-copy databases. It will only be used for the purposes of selecting participants and producing "Lifeguarding USA" (working title) a television series initially for transmission in the United Kingdom. We will not supply this information to third parties other than as is reasonably necessary to select participants and produce the series. The information will never be sold or used for any other purpose.

Submission of an application form and compliance with the above does not in any way constitute an offer to appear on the programmes.

Rival Media Limited is committed to equal opportunities to all, irrespective of race, colour, creed, ethnic or national origins, gender, marital status, sexuality, disability or age.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application form.

Good luck!

The Rival Media Production Team.

