

PUMC Guidelines for Mission Trip Financial Support

To enable an individual interested in participating in a mission opportunity who is financially in need of additional funds to apply for support to help make the opportunity a reality.

1. Mission trip should be a United Methodist sponsored project. Information about the work to be done for the project should be provided. The total time involved in actual work is expected to be at least 75% of the trip's total duration.
2. Participant should apply for support before the trip (possible exception for responding to disaster situations). Applications will be due at least 60 days before departure.
3. Priority will be given to supporting first time participants or those requesting support for the first time. The reason for financial need should be provided. Any scholarship approved will help make the "last payment" on the trip/event if need still exists.
4. Support is for an individual, not a common trip fund. Individual should state clearly why he/she wants to go to do this mission work.
5. Applicant must be an active participant of PUMC.
6. Participant will agree to report/share about the experience by presenting to a group(s) at PUMC within three months of their return or as requested. We would like you to explain how this experience impacted your faith and walk with Christ.
7. Special consideration will be given to an individual with specific skills needed for the project.
8. Amount awarded to applicant will be contingent upon their needs, after applicant's own fund raising efforts. Maximum awarded funds will not exceed 50% of individual's mission costs and will not exceed \$400.
9. Decisions about funding will be made by simple majority vote of the Mission Work Area Committee at a regular meeting. (Exception may be for work team responding to a disaster when a vote may be taken by email.)

To request an application, please contact Colin Cress at ccress@pumc.org