



2018 Mission Trip Scholarship Application

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in participating in a domestic or international mission trip. This is an excellent way to grow in your faith, serve God's people, break down barriers, and develop wonderful friendships. Our objective is to provide assistance to Asbury members who have a desire to participate in a mission trip, but need some financial assistance to achieve that goal.

Through our recent "On This Rock" Capital Campaign, Asbury tithed 10% of the \$1.1 million pledged to be awarded in mission trip scholarships. These scholarships are a gift from our church and the generous contributions of many Asbury members. All requests should be based on need and reflect your current economic circumstances—income, education costs, medical or other unusual expenses, general hardships.

We have attempted to make the scholarship process concise, asking for only the information necessary to make an informed decision. In our role as stewards of these funds, our next step is to fully consider your application. We will then make a decision and notify you of the result.

An important part of every mission trip is the personal impact it has on the individuals who participate. If you are awarded a scholarship, upon your return from your trip, we will look forward to you sharing your journey with our church family. In sharing your experience, you invite others into your story, and may encourage other members to consider serving on future mission teams and trips.

Thank you for your interest in serving others through a mission trip.

Blessings,

Dan Clevenger

Mission Team Chair

About Our Scholarship Program

- Scholarships will be awarded for mission opportunities offered through the United Methodist Church.
- The Mission Scholarship Committee reserves the right to limit funds for awards. Scholarship monies can only be used for travel, lodging and food. All other expenses (souvenirs, personal items, meals while traveling and additional spending money) are the responsibility of applicants. They should be prepared to pay any costs in excess of amounts awarded or to solicit other financial support.
- All scholarship recipients are encouraged to share their experience in some way with their church family (youth meeting, Sunday School class, church presentation, Alive or e-Alive testimonial). Failing to do this may negatively impact future applications.
- Scholarships cannot be received as cash or given directly to an individual.
- If the trip is cancelled, the scholarship can be used toward a future trip. If the recipient is unable to participate and must cancel, the scholarship funds will return to the Mission Trip Scholarship Fund.
- All required trip preparations must be completed before the scholarship award is paid. This includes attendance at all trip trainings, completed paperwork and the balance of trip fees paid in full.

About the Application Process

- Complete the Mission Trip Scholarship application form and return to the church office by the designated deadline.
- The Mission Scholarship Committee will not consider any application for a scholarship without the applicant having first submitted a complete trip application.
- A complete application must be submitted to the church office no later than **30 days prior** to the trip departure date.

About You

Date: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Cell: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Name of parent/guardian if under 18: _____ Phone: _____

How long have you been a member of Asbury UMC? _____

Are you currently involved in an area of ministry or service? (Please use separate page if necessary.)

What volunteer or mission experience have you had? (Please use separate page if necessary.)

How would you describe your financial situation? Please include any information that may help the Mission Scholarship Committee with their decision. (Examples: you must take unpaid vacation; you are a single parent or student; you have recently been laid off from work; you are facing unusual medical bills or are otherwise experiencing financial hardships) (Please use separate page if necessary.)

About Your Trip

Organization the trip is through: _____

Organization's Address: _____

Organization's Trip Coordinator: _____ Phone: _____

Dates of mission trip: _____ Destination: _____

Cost of trip (transportation, lodging, food): _____ Amount you are requesting: _____

Have you completed your application form for the trip? (circle one) Yes No

What attracted you to this particular trip?

What contributions or spiritual gifts will you bring to others on a mission trip?

How do you think a mission trip might affect your future life as a Christian?

Agreement

I have filled out the Mission Scholarship application to the best of my ability and the information I have provided is correct. I understand that if I am awarded a scholarship, I must...

- Attend all trip training and planning meetings
- Complete Safe Gatherings training (if serving in a leadership role working with children)
- Hold a passport valid for travel at least six months from the date of entry into the designation country (if trip is international)
- Share my experiences with my church family upon my return

Signature

Printed Name

If under 18:

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name

“Whatever you did for the Least of these, you did for me.” - Matthew 25:40

Please return this application to the church office:

Asbury United Methodist Church

Attention: Mission Team

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