

# Hyde Park United Methodist Mission Trip Scholarship Application

Dear Missions Scholarship Applicant;

Thank you for your interest in joining us on one of our mission trips. This is an excellent way to grow in your faith, serve God's people, breakdown barriers, as well as develop wonderful friendships. Our goal is to enable people who might not have the financial means at this time, to have part of their trip funded through a Domestic and International Serve Scholarship.

Please understand that a scholarship is a "gift" from someone who is willing to make a donation to support your travel and the work of the serve team. This means that your request must be based on a real need, not upon a want. Requesting scholarships due to family income, medical expenses or other hardships would be appropriate. In an effort to be good stewards of these funds, you will find that we have asked questions that some may feel to be personal and confidential in nature. Please know that all the information you provide is critical to the process and will be held in confidence. Each application will be given a code which will replace your name and address, so that review by the scholarship committee will be blind.

Upon review by the committee a decision on your scholarship will be made and you will be notified with the results. Upon your return from your trip, you may be asked to share your experience with the Domestic and International Serve team.

We know that you will be blessed by participating in this serve trip!

May God's work be revealed through you,

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## GUIDELINES FOR SERVE TRIP SCHOLARSHIPS

### Application Process:

- Complete the Application for Serve Trip Scholarship.
- Have three required references submitted on your behalf, two personal and the third from your pastor (no family names in the body of your reference letters) The references may be mailed to the church attention Vicki Walker or emailed to [vwalker@hydeparkumc.org](mailto:vwalker@hydeparkumc.org). They should include but not be limited to the following:
  - Your interest in Mission work
  - Your attributes that make you a great candidate, such as:
    - Does the applicant demonstrate good judgment?
    - Ability of the applicant's sensitivity to the needs, feelings and attitudes of others.
  - As for the Pastor Reference – even if you have not personally met your Pastor you should contact them and let them know what you are involved with or looking to get involved with. This will help them when filling out the Pastorate reference for you. If you do not attend Hyde Park United Methodist, a reference must come from a clergy member of your home church.

### About Our Scholarship Program

- The Scholarship Committee will not consider any application for a scholarship without the applicant having first submitted a complete Serve Trip Application
- **Complete** application including all references must be submitted to our office no later than **90 days prior** to trip departure date.
- The Committee reserves the right to limit funds for award and applicants should be prepared to pay any costs in excess of amounts awarded or to solicit other financial support.
- All scholarship recipients are required to submit within two weeks of your return a thorough testimony along with a few of photos on your experience as a result of this scholarship to [vwalker@hydeparkumc.org](mailto:vwalker@hydeparkumc.org). Not receiving this jeopardizes your scholarship standing.
- This scholarship will be awarded as part of the final payment toward the trip. If funds raised exceed the cost of the trip, the scholarship amount will be adjusted.
- It cannot be received as cash or given directly to an individual.
- If the trip is cancelled, the scholarship can be used towards a future trip. If you are unable to participate and must cancel, the scholarship funds will return to the Serve Trip Scholarship Fund.
- All required trip preparation must be completed before the scholarship is awarded. This means that all trip trainings must be attended, all paperwork is filled out and complete, a valid passport on hand and the balance of your trip fees are paid in full.

**ABOUT YOU**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parents/guardian if under 18: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of Hyde Park United Methodist? **Yes / No**

If yes, what campus do you regularly attend? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not a member, what church do you attend?  
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Are you related to a member of Hyde Park United Methodist? Yes / No

Who? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently involved in an area of ministry or service (please use separate page if necessary)? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**ABOUT YOUR TRIP**

Dates of mission trip: \_\_\_\_\_ Destination: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of trip: \_\_\_\_\_ Have you completed your application forms? Yes / No

Have you paid your initial down payment and have reasonable expectation that you can fund or will have success raising the balance of the monies for the trip? Yes / No

What attracted you to this particular trip? \_\_\_\_\_

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What contributions or spiritual gift could you bring to others on a mission trip? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Please provide any additional information about your financial situation that you feel may help the scholarship committee with its decision. For example, you must take unpaid vacation, you are a single parent, college student, have recently been laid off from work.

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## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

How would you describe your financial situation? \_\_\_\_\_

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### HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD:

EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

MONTHLY INCOME: \_\_\_\_\_

### SPOUSE:

EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

MONTHLY INCOME: \_\_\_\_\_

### BASIC LIVING EXPENSES:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date Due</u>
Rent or mortgage	_____	_____
All utilities (phone, gas, water and electricity)	_____	_____
Other living expenses (gas, groceries, etc)	_____	_____

**OTHER BILLS AND EXPENSES:**

Insurance (car, health and home)	_____	_____
Car payments	_____	_____
Cable, additional phone Other misc. fees	_____	_____
Child support	_____	_____
Judgment payment	_____	_____

**CREDIT CARDS AND LOANS:**

Total Balance due: \_\_\_\_\_  
(all cards may be combined)

Current payment: \_\_\_\_\_  
(total for all cards)

Bank, student, personal loans total:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current payment total on loans:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER EXPENSES DUE IN NEXT 30-60 DAYS:**

Describe and provide due dates: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**OTHER DEBTS:**

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSETS:**

Checking: \_\_\_\_\_

Savings: \_\_\_\_\_

Money Market: \_\_\_\_\_

CD's: \_\_\_\_\_

Stocks/Bonds: \_\_\_\_\_

**AGREEMENT**

I have filled out the financial forms to the best of my ability and the information provided is correct. I understand that if I am awarded a scholarship, I must attend all trip training and planning meetings, complete Safe and Sacred training, and hold a passport valid for travel at least 6 months from the date of entry into the country I am visiting.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

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

***Please return this application to Missions and Outreach Ministries:  
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