



CELEBRATION CHURCH MISSION TRIP INFORMATION PACKET/APPLICATION

REQUIREMENTS FOR MISSION TRIP PARTICIPATION

1. You must be currently active in Life Group. If you are not in a life group, you are not eligible to be a mission trip participant.
2. Youth will need approval from their Youth Pastor and Life Group Leader, and must meet requirements set up by the Youth Ministry Team.
3. You must be currently living a Godly life, demonstrating faithfulness and fruitfulness by being involved in ministry to others.
4. You must have an up to date Passport – make sure it will not expire within 6 months of the start date of the mission trip.
**If you do not have a Passport - apply for one NOW!
5. You are required to participate in all Mission Trip Training Classes.
6. You must turn in your Mission Trip Application, copy of your Passport (or order yours NOW), and Reference Forms (one from your Life Group Leader and one from your Community Pastor) by the required date. (Required dates for each trip will be provided on a separate information sheet).
7. All payments must be turned in by the due date.
8. Non-Celebration Members will be considered on an individual basis.

This is a general application to start the process and to provide information about the procedures and what to expect. Approximately 2-3 months prior to leaving for the mission trip, we will provide the following information: deadlines to purchase airline tickets; flight information; deadlines to pay deposits and balances due; dates for training classes, and more details about the types of ministry you will be doing.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Do I have to be in a Life Group to go on a mission trip?** Yes, you must be an active member of a life group. To find a life group, see one of our Community or Campus Pastors.
2. **How can I raise money for the Mission Trip?** When your application and references are turned in and you are approved to participate in the mission trip, we will e-mail you a support letter to send out to your Friends, Relatives, Associates and Neighbors.
3. **How soon do I need to apply for my passport?** The name on your airline ticket and the name on your passport must be exactly the same. Please apply for your passport as soon as possible.
4. **I have a donation that is coming in but it is not here yet – can I wait to make payments until the donation gets here?** No – all payments must be paid no later than the due date.
5. **What if I make a payment and then donations come in for more than I need for the trip?** You can be refunded any money that YOU have paid – assuming all costs for the mission trip has been covered. Donation money cannot be refunded.
6. **What vaccinations will I need?** All mission trips will require the latest flu shot, tetanus shot within the last 5 years, and all normally required children's vaccinations. Certain locations may require additional vaccinations or medications. Your trip leader can let you know which are required. Check the CDC web site (www.cdc.gov) for detailed information for each country.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Reference Forms:** Give the reference forms directly to your Life Group Leader and your Community Pastor (for Metairie Campus) or Campus Pastor (for other Celebration Campuses). They will complete and return the completed forms directly to the church office.
2. **Fundraising:** After you pay your deposit, if you are interested in raising donations for your trip, we will provide you with a sample donation letter to send to your Friends, Relatives, Associates and Neighbors.
3. **Flight Information:** After you pay your deposit, we will provide you with the team leaders flight itinerary. Everyone makes their own flight reservations. It may be tempting to wait for prices to decrease, knowing that they can fluctuate, but the danger is that the plane may be full by the time you decide to purchase your ticket. It is important for everyone to travel together, so reservations should be made within the deadlines provided.

4. **Lodging and Other Costs:** The funds you pay to the church for the trip cover lodging, local transportation, and most of the time meals are covered, but there will be some trips where meals will not be included. We will tell you when you will be responsible for your own meals.
5. **Extra Costs:** Extra fees and expenses may include: baggage fees (currently \$40 for each additional bag, the first bag may or may not have a fee depending on where you travel), entrance/exit fees in some countries (around \$35), expenses for sightseeing, money for souvenirs, water, and other incidentals.
6. **Mission Supply Fee:** A mission supply fee is added to the costs, which covers items such as VBS supplies (arts and crafts, etc.), bibles, tracts, teaching materials, hygiene items and/or groceries that will be donated to families.
7. **Training:** Approximately one to two months before the trip, you will be required to attend training classes. We will try to adapt the classes to everyone's schedule, but that isn't always possible. Please make sure your time is open so you can attend training.
8. **Organizing Supplies:** About one week before the trip, everyone will get together as a group to organize supplies. This involves things like sorting donations, organizing VBS crafts, coloring books and colors, etc.
9. **Packing Supplies:** You may be given supplies listed in Item #8 to pack in your luggage along with your clothing to bring with you on the trip.
10. **Packing Suggestion:** Keep in mind that there may be a fee for suitcases. Therefore, it's a good idea to bring one suitcase smaller than the other so that you can put everything, including the smaller suitcase, in the larger suitcase for your trip home (any leftover supplies are usually left behind).
11. **Stamina and the Holy Spirit:** Mission Trips are filled with many activities. You will need a lot of energy to keep going. Be open to being filled with the Holy Spirit, so that you will be energized and ready to share the Gospel. Everyone who returns from a mission trip is always refreshed and on fire for Jesus. It is hard work, but it is also one of the most rewarding experiences you will ever have.



MISSION TRIP APPLICATION **TODAY'S DATE** _____

MISSION TRIP YOU ARE APPLYING FOR:Country/Dates: _____

1. **Name (on passport)** _____

2. **Address** _____

3. **Home Phone:** _____

Cell: _____

4. **E-Mail:** _____

5. **Date of Birth** _____ **Age** _____

6. **Do you have a current passport** **Yes** ____ **No** ____

Must not expire within 6 months of trip. Please attach a copy of your passport.

7. **List any other languages you speak** _____

8. **Have you ever been on a mission trip before?** **Yes** ____ **No** ____

If yes, attach to this application a list of mission trips include dates (approx), destination, sponsoring organization, and your specific areas of responsibility and/or work.

9. **Do you have health insurance?** **Yes** ____ **No** ____

10. **Are you currently taking any medications?** **Yes** ____ **No** ____

11. **Can you pay the cost of this mission trip?** **Yes** ____ **No** ____

12. **Can you take time off from work or school to go on this trip?** **Yes** ____ **No** ____

13. **Are you in a Life Group?** **Yes** ____ **No** ____

14. **Who is your Life Group Leader?** _____

15. **Are you willing to attend the required training classes?** **Yes** ____ **No** ____

16. Please give a short statement regarding why you want to go on this mission trip.

17. Please give a short statement regarding why you feel God has called you to the Missions field.

18. Write a brief written testimony of when you were saved and describe how you are doing in your relationship with God.

SIGNATURE

By signing this application, I am certifying that all of the information I have provided is true and correct. I am also acknowledging that with any Missions Trip, there are risks of physical injury. Unless there is gross negligence by the church, I agree to hold Celebration Church harmless for any injuries I may receive. I also agree to participate in all required training classes and to pay off my trip in full prior to leaving for the Mission Trip.

BY _____
Print Name

Signature

Date: _____



LIFE GROUP LEADER REFERENCE FORM

Please carefully consider your recommendation!

- Mission trips are wonderful but they also present many challenges. The person you are recommending should exhibit spiritual maturity, people skills needed to get along with other members of the team, be teachable, be a team player, and be willing to endure life in a different culture and climate.
- Also – applicant should have one year of sobriety or freedom from past destructive behavior.

1. Person seeking reference _____
2. How long has this person been attending your life group? _____
3. Does this person normally attend your Life Group every week? Yes ___ No ___
If no – how often does this person normally attend? _____
4. Is this person emotionally stable? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___
5. Is this person cooperative? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___
6. Does this person respect & follow leadership? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___
7. Does this person have high moral standards? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___
8. Is this person saved? Yes ___ No ___
If yes, how long has this person been a Christian? _____
9. Is this person passionate for Jesus? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___
10. Does this person handle stressful situations well? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___
11. On a scale from 1-10, with 10 being the highest, rate this person's spiritual maturity

12. Do you recommend this person for the _____ Mission Trip?
Yes ___ No ___
13. Other comments: _____

Print Name

Signature

Contact phone #

Do not give this form to the person seeking reference. Please mail or e-mail directly to: Nina Garcia, 1915 Airline Dr. Metairie, LA 70006, ninac@celebrationchurch.org, Contact phone: 504-831-9673 Ext. 563, Thank you!



COMMUNITY PASTOR REFERENCE FORM

Please carefully consider your recommendation!

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- Also – applicant should have one year of sobriety or freedom from past destructive behavior.

1. Person seeking reference _____

2. How long have you known this person? _____

3. Is this person emotionally stable? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___

4. Is this person cooperative? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___

5. Does this person respect & follow leadership? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___

6. Does this person have high moral standards? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___

7. Is this person passionate for Jesus? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___

8. Do you have respect for this person? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___

9. Does this person handle stressful situations well? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___

10. Do you recommend this person for the _____ Mission Trip? Yes ___ No ___

11. Other comments: _____

Please sign your name _____

Please print your name _____

Your best contact phone # _____

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PARENTAL OR GUARDIAN PERMISSION FORM

Please read and complete all items.

1. I (We) give my (our) permission for my (our) child,
(please print clearly) _____,
to go on the Celebration Church _____ Mission Trip from
_____ to _____.
2. I (We) understand that I (We) are required to attend the first mission meeting with my (our) child. (You may attend all meetings but are only required to attend the first meeting).
3. I (We) understand that my (our) child will be required to attend all mission meetings.
4. I (We) understand that the cost of the trip is ESTIMATED to be about _____ and I (We) will be responsible for meeting all payment deadlines.
Support letters will be given to our team members, but payment due dates must be met even if support funds have not been received by due dates.
5. My (Our) child will get all necessary vaccinations and medications required for this mission trip.
6. I (We) will not hold Celebration Church or its Ministers or Staff responsible for any illness or injury that occurred on the Celebration Church _____ Mission Trip.

Parents or Guardian Signature _____

Printed Name of Parents or Guardian _____

Date Signed _____

Address: _____

Home Phone _____ **Cell Phone** _____

E-Mail: _____