

First Baptist Church Paris, Tennessee

Scholarship Request Form

Short-term mission trips provide an opportunity for direct ministry participation in unique and challenging ministry fields. Fund raising projects help meet the needs of individuals who sense God's call to take part in mission opportunities. All fund raising efforts associated with the project reflect the Christ-honoring stewardship that is a hall mark of First Baptist Church. Applicants are expected to raise 100% of their financial needs; however, we have a limited amount of scholarships available for those members that qualify. The maximum amount a participant can receive is 75% of his/her mission trip cost. To insure that the missions committee understands your mission trip and your need for financial assistance, please complete the following form and submit to the missions committee.

(Please submit one form for each person requesting a scholarship.)

Volunteer's Name: _____

Birth date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Cell Phone: _____

****Members of FBC Paris and children of members will receive first priority.****

Are you or family a member of First Baptist Church Paris, TN? ____ Yes ____ No

If not, are you or Parent a member of another church? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, what church? _____

Event for which you are requesting scholarship: _____

Date of mission trip _____ Sponsoring Organization _____

Cost of Project/Trip _____ What amount of assistance are you requesting? _____

List any Financial Hardships encountered over the last year (medical, loss of income, family crises, etc.) that prompts a need for financial assistance:

Please provide other information that will assist the committee in determining your need for financial assistance:

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature if minor: _____ Date: _____

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This Volunteer's Request has been: ☐ Approved for Scholarship

Amount: _____

☐ Denied Scholarship

Reason: _____

Missions Committee Initials: _____ Date: _____

Financial Guidelines for Missions Projects/Trips

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These guidelines must be followed for all FBC sponsored mission projects....

- Fund-raising must have Missions Committee approval before it is implemented.
- No funds will be spent based on anticipated contributions. The entire cost of the project must be deposited in the designated project fund before any travel arrangements or commitments can be made.
- All fund-raising must be directed toward the support of a specific project or ministry effort.
- Fund-raising must reflect favorably upon the church and not cause the community to regard our congregation in a negative fashion. It must never compromise Christian principles of stewardship and character.
- Fund-raising must be done in a straight forward and open manner so the donor understands the purpose of the planned ministry and how their contributions will be used.

Guidelines for Appeal Letters

Appeal letters must be limited to personal friends, family, co-workers or Sunday School class members. Prospective team members who teach Sunday School in Preschool, Children or Student areas may appeal to other teachers in their Sunday School hour. *Mass appeals to those outside a member's direct sphere of relationships are not acceptable and can create extremely negative feelings toward our commitment to Missions Projects.* **Please do not violate this guideline.**

Appeal letters must....

- Be limited to one page and original (no form letters for the entire team).
- Include information about the country, project goals and why the participant feels led to take part in the project.
- Contain the published cost of the trip and how the recipient can be involved (prayer, financial, supplies.)
- Explain that all checks are to be made payable to First Baptist Church; returned to First Baptist Church and received before the deadline set by the Project Coordinator (this is extremely important if you are not financing the project with your own funds.) Contributors may write the project name on the memo line of the check. Gifts to First Baptist are non-refundable.

SAMPLE FUND-RAISING LETTER

Dear _____,

I have been given the opportunity to serve as a volunteer missionary to _____ (location) in _____ (month)! I will be on a team with approximately _____ (number) other individuals from my church, First Baptist Church, Paris, TN. Our team will be going to _____ (city), _____ (state/country) to minister to the physical, as well as the spiritual needs of the people.

It is the responsibility of each volunteer missionary to raise his/her own support for the cost of the mission trip. I sincerely believe that God has called me to be a part of this mission team and I am confident that He will supply me with the resources needed. The amount that I need to raise so that I may participate on this mission trip is approximately \$ _____ (amount). Your help with the expenses of this mission trip would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to First Baptist Church and mail it to:

First Baptist Church
313 N. Poplar St.
Paris, TN 38242

Attention: Larry Simmons, Executive Pastor

Please use an offering envelope when making your donation. On the envelope, please note my name and the mission trip so that your donation will be credited toward my expenses. On the memo line of your check, please add the location of our trip. You do not need to put my name on your check.

In the event that I receive financial support which exceeds the amount needed to cover my expenses for the trip, any additional funds will be allocated to helping other team members participate, or toward the general team expenses, such as tracts, Bibles, first aid supplies, etc. In the event that I cannot go on the trip (due to the inability to raise the necessary funds or for some other unforeseen reason), all funds donated on my behalf will go toward the trip for other team members or for general team expenses. Total funds amount needed for this mission trip are due by _____ (date), as our team is scheduled to leave on _____ (date).

Thank you in advance for partnering with me in this mission endeavor. If you are unable to contribute financially, I covet your prayers as I prepare for this mission trip and as our team travels to _____ (location). Your prayers are vitally important for this mission and for me! I look forward to sharing with you soon the great things that God has done in _____ (location) because of the efforts of you and everyone who is a part of this great endeavor!

Sincerely,