

## COVER SHEET FOR MISSION TRIP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**Albany Presbytery  
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Troy, NY 12180**

**TO: Anyone Contemplating Participation in a Mission Trip**  
**FROM: Albany Presbytery Mission Trip Review Team**

Congratulations! You're thinking about going on a Mission Trip, perhaps for the first time. You may be feeling excited or nervous or inspired. In any case, you're considering what could become a life changing experience. A mission trip is an opportunity to experience the breadth, depth and height of the God who calls us. You will broaden your sense of the people who count themselves as the body of Christ. You will deepen your relationship with the Holy Spirit. You will be overwhelmed by the providence of God who brought you to this place and time.

We appreciate that your participation would require a significant commitment of time, effort and resources. If financial assistance would improve your ability to make the trip, Albany Presbytery may be able to help.

We have two goals in providing scholarships. The first is to increase personal participation in mission. The second is that those who go will return with a continuing sense of spirit and mission that will transform them, their congregations and, possibly, their communities. This could involve sharing your experience orally, in writing or by use of audio/visuals. Accordingly, Presbytery can make digital cameras or cam-corders available for you to take on your trip.

We are grateful for your willingness to consider a mission trip and encourage you to apply for assistance. Please take a few moments to review the attached material, complete the application, attach the requested information and secure your Session's support.

Your application should be sent to the attention of the Mission Trip Support Review Team, at the above address. Please allow about eight (8) weeks for us to process your application. It's got to go through a committee and then to the person who writes the check,

We look forward to receiving your application and will make every attempt to find financial support for your mission trip.

On behalf of the Mission Trip Review Team, thank you for prayerfully considering making this commitment.

Godspeed!

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Scholarships for mission trips are a tangible reflection of the goals of Albany Presbytery. These scholarships are intended to empower people to experience and contribute to the mission of the whole Church, build cross-cultural relationships, and foster deeper understanding of how the gospel is lived out in faith communities both here and around the world.

**FUNDING CRITERIA:** Funding decisions will consider a variety of factors, including those listed below. We encourage you to ask the leaders of your mission trip to help you think about the following priorities and questions as you fill out your application.

- **APPROPRIATENESS:** How does the mission trip reflect the goals and values of your congregation and Albany Presbytery? Is your Session aware of your interest in participating in this mission trip, and do they support you in this ministry?
- **CONNECTION:** Does the mission trip further connections between your congregation and the community to which you are traveling? Are you connecting with a church or PC (USA) partner in the place where you will travel?
- **PREPARATION:** Will the group have gathered prior to the mission trip, getting to know one another, spending time in Bible study, planning health precautions, and discussing the cultural context and implications of where you will be traveling?
- **EFFECTIVENESS:** Is this a well-planned mission trip which will result in deeper relationships, better understanding, and tangible results?
- **NEED:** A primary goal of the Scholarship program is to motivate and enable more personal participation in mission, by reducing the cost to individual participants. Ordinarily up to \$500 may be granted for domestic trips and up to \$1,000 may be granted for international trips.
- **INTERPRETATION:** How will you integrate the mission team's experience into the life of your own church? How do you anticipate engaging the congregation in the relationships you will be forming? There is an expectation that those who receive scholarship funds will provide written, pictorial, and/or oral reports to their congregations and/or Albany Presbytery.
- **PRIORITY:** Priority will be given to those going on a mission trip for the first time.

In submitting this Application, I am attesting that I have read (and agree with) the above information and have prayerfully completed page 2 of the Application and its attachments.

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first mission trip?    \_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No

Have you ever received a Presbytery scholarship for a mission trip?    \_\_\_ Yes, \_\_\_ No

**PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING:**

- A brief description of the trip you want to go on, who has organized it, and the dates, location, goals and objectives of the mission trip.
- An explanation of how you plan to share the experience once you have returned home (with your church, community, other area churches and/or Presbytery.)
- What Presbytery A.V. equipment (if any) would you like to use for the mission trip.
- A breakdown of your anticipated expenses for the mission trip.

**Anticipated Funding Budget (A=B+C+D):**

A. Projected cost of mission trip:                    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

B. Personal Contribution:                            \$ \_\_\_\_\_

C. Requested Presbytery Scholarship:            \$ \_\_\_\_\_

D. Other Anticipated Funding:                    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Source: \_\_\_\_\_)

**If awarded funding, I agree to use it only for the purposes described in this Application.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Moderator or Clerk of Session (attesting to the Session's support of this Application)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_