

MISSION TRIP SCHOLARSHIP PLAN

First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, NC

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Why Scholarships?

Short-term mission trips are opportunities for the people who participate to be transformed more into the image of Christ as they serve under the leadership of brothers and sisters in Christ from other cultures and communities and put the good of others above their own. Short-term missions also allow our covenant partners to encounter other cultures that expand their perspective and understanding of God's world and God's work in the world.

God can, and does, do good work in us as we engage in mission through short-term trips. At the same time, we know that they are costly, and we want to relieve some of that burden so that more people can participate.

This document is intended to explain the scholarship process and ensure that consistent funding and scholarship policies are applied to all Mission Trips organized by First Presbyterian Church. This document will also apply to scholarships requested by covenant partners who attend mission trips sponsored by ECO or other First Presbyterian affiliated organizations.

Scholarship Amounts:

Scholarships available for short-term mission trips sponsored by First Presbyterian Church:

- Leaders – Full scholarship available.
- First-time participant – \$1,000 scholarship available, as needed.
- Returning participant – \$500 scholarship available, as needed.
- 1st Pres Staff – see personnel policy

Scholarships available for mission trips sponsored by ECO or other affiliated organizations:

- Scholarship amount of up to half of trip cost, as needed.

Scholarship Considerations:

- All scholarships are contingent upon fund availability within the Missional Living Committee budget. Not all trip participants may receive scholarships.
- The Missional Living Committee will consider additional funds for need-based requests, as considered appropriate.
- The purpose of short-term mission trips is to encourage people to engage God's world in another culture, under the leadership of those we seek to support. For this reason, priority will be given to first time mission trip participants for scholarship funding.
- Preference will be given to covenant partners of First Presbyterian Church. Scholarship requests from individuals who are not covenant partners will be considered on a case-by-case basis. As a general rule, if someone who is a member of another congregation wants to participate in a FPC trip, we will ask that they seek funding from their church.
- First Presbyterian Church interns are not eligible for the Staff Scholarship but may be covered by their department as part of a sponsored trip (for example, the cost of a high school intern attending the summer DR trip might be included in the HS budget).

How to Apply:

Individuals attending a First Presbyterian mission trip or a mission trip sponsored by an affiliated organization who wish to apply for a scholarship should complete the Mission Trip Scholarship Application and submit it to the Missional Living Committee for consideration: amyc@1stpres.com.