

# Application Procedure

Cole Short Term Mission

It is exciting to see that you are applying for a short term mission project! We are already praying for you! The Short Term Mission Committee is available to assist with application questions, and will walk you through the training, going and returning process. As is true with most things, commitment is key to the success of these projects. A large commitment is required, but a large support system is in place to assist you. Ask God if this is the year, and if this is the project!

*Note: If your spouse or other family member is also applying for this project, separate applications must be filled out for each person.*

## Section A How to Apply

1. Pray. Carefully read the flyer describing details of this project and the condition in which you will be serving.
2. Carefully read the project flier and check your calendar to make sure you are able to attend all mandatory training.
3. Download Application:
  - a. Return completed application before deadline stated on the project flier.
  - b. Include the \$100.00 application fee. If this fee is a hardship please contact Brian Grant, Cole Missions Pastor, 375-3565. **\*Note:** Once you have accepted a place on this team your deposit becomes non-refundable. If you withdraw from a project after you have been accepted on a team, you may be responsible for any non-refundable costs (i.e. airline tickets) incurred by Cole Missions.
  - c. Mail application to: Janet Schaufelberger, 7748 W. Bayhill St. Boise, ID 83704 (376-2083).  
You may also turn them in to any STM committee member.
4. Download Reference Forms:
  - a. Pastor, Friend, Employer
  - b. **For students less than 18 years include Parent Reference, Medical/Travel Release forms.**
  - c. Complete and deliver the reference forms to the appropriate people.
    - 1) Include a stamped envelope addressed to Janet Schaufelberger, (see address above).
    - 2) Inform each person that you need the reference forms mailed back before the deadline to be considered for this project.
5. Schedule an interview:

We will contact you to schedule an interview with the Project Team Leader and a member of the STM Committee. Interviews generally take place on evenings or weekends. All of your Reference Forms must be received prior to your interview.
6. Pray for the project as you wait to hear back about your application. You will receive a postcard in the mail (a couple weeks before the first training session).

## Section B General Requirements

1. Be a regular attendee and participant in the ministries of Cole Community Church. Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
2. Be of appropriate age for the project you have chosen. (See individual project fliers)
3. Be in good health, physically, mentally and emotionally. Please consider carefully whether you are dealing with life issues that would hinder your ability to serve effectively on the team.
4. Be willing to give sacrificially (to give up something precious to you) of your time, energies and resources to serve God through this project. Expect this project to require enthusiasm, hard work, and an unselfish attitude of serving others.
5. Commit to:
  - a. Attending all team meetings and training sessions.
  - b. Participating fully in the training assignments, team activities, local outreach project and fund-raising activities (including required letters and thank you notes).
  - c. Attend the post-project debrief meetings and presenting with your team the Vision report to the church body.

***NOTE:** The amount of time required for this project will be comparable to the time required for a one-semester high school or college class, requiring a significant commitment of your time. This training is designed to 1) make you as well-prepared as possible in order to glorify God by your culturally appropriate witness, so you will benefit and not harm the long-term ministry you serve alongside, and 2) disciple you, not only for this short-term project, but for your spiritual and personal growth and lifelong citizenship as a World Christian.*

6. Consider the cost! A portion of the project cost should be contributed by the team member, including the \$100.00 application deposit. Additional funds will be raised by the team fundraiser and by contacting individuals and asking for prayer/financial support. Costs not covered by team monies (passport, immunizations, medications and spending money) remain the responsibility of the individual team member.
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## Section C Criteria for Selection

1. Applicant meets all of the General Requirements stated above.
2. Applicant possesses the skills or gifts needed for the identified project and expresses interest in the purpose of the particular short term team.
3. Applicant demonstrates a level of maturity and life experience to be able to fit well as a team player and to submit to the leadership of the team leaders.
4. Applicant is known to possess characteristics that will enable effective work within a cross-cultural environment.
5. Applicant must have adequate time available in his/her current schedule for the team training and preparation times and post-project meetings.

The Cole Short Term Mission Committee makes the final decision to approve or not approve any applicant based upon the criteria for selection, and also based upon the applicant's scheduled interview.