

ANSWERS TO THE MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD HIGH SCHOOL MISSIONARY SERVICE

WHAT IS NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD (NAMB) SOJOURNER STUDENT MISSIONS?

Student Missions is a ministry that offers students who have completed their junior or senior year of high school the opportunity to serve with a North American missionary, a local church, or association for four to ten weeks during the summer. The ministry is sponsored by NAMB in cooperation with Southern Baptist state and Canadian conventions.

WHO PAYS THE EXPENSES OF STUDENT MISSIONARIES?

NAMB, supported by the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® for North American Missions, provides travel funds and insurance for each student. The local field where the student is assigned is responsible for housing, meals, and local transportation while the student is serving.

HOW ARE ASSIGNMENTS DETERMINED?

When a completed application and references are received, NAMB staff reviews the file for approval. Once approved the application information, including skills, interests, abilities, field preferences, and dates of availability are considered in placement.

HOW ARE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS HANDLED?

NAMB handles most travel arrangements through a travel agent. When a student receives placement details, a travel information checklist will be included. After confirming the dates of service and airports of arrival and departure with the state and local supervisors, the Sojourner will contact NAMB's travel agent. Airline ticket will be billed to NAMB and an e-ticket sent to student. In a few cases, parents may drive the student to the field and receive mileage reimbursement to assist with expenses.

IS HEALTH/ACCIDENT INSURANCE PROVIDED?

NAMB provides health and accident insurance for all student missionaries. The insurance is supplemental for those who have other insurance and primary for those who do not. It has a maximum lifetime benefit of \$5,000. Private major medical coverage is recommended for each student.

WHO WILL PROVIDE SUPERVISION?

Normally, the field supervisor will be a North American missionary, an associational missionary, or a local pastor. Each student will also be accountable to a state leader and to the Missionary Mobilization Team of NAMB.

WILL STUDENTS SERVE ALONE OR WITH A TEAMMATE?

Most student missionaries serve with a teammate. Sojourner teammates are usually other high school students. In a few cases, teammates may be a college student placed by NAMB, or a state convention Baptist Collegiate Ministry. Students may also apply to serve with a friend in a specific ministry location.

WHAT ARE THE HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS?

The field supervisor is responsible for living arrangements. These arrangements vary with each location. The most common arrangement is to live with church families in the community.

WHAT TYPE OF ORIENTATION IS GIVEN TO STUDENT MISSIONARIES?

An orientation is provided by the state convention where students are placed at the beginning of the summer. A student missionary whose term of service begins later in the summer and cannot attend orientation will receive orientation from their local supervisor when they arrive on the field of service.

ARE VISITS BY PARENTS, FAMILY MEMBERS, OR FRIENDS PERMITTED DURING MISSION SERVICE?

Visits to the field of service are at the discretion of the state and local supervisors and require pre-approval. Visits to the field, if approved, should be planned so not to disrupt or distract the missionary from the assigned task.

WHEN WILL I BE NOTIFIED ABOUT MY ASSIGNMENT?

Personnel Deployment processes all applications and contacts the applicant by e-mail with approval or non-approval. Approved applicants are placed and contacted by Missionary Mobilization within 10-15 business days of placement. The entire process can take from 30 to 40 days.

WHOM DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS?

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