

ANSWERS TO THE MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD COLLEGIATE MISSIONARY SERVICE**WHAT IS NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD COLLEGIATE STUDENT MISSIONS?**

Student Missions is a ministry that offers students in college or seminary the opportunity to serve with a North American missionary, a local church, or association. Students serve four to ten weeks during the summer, fall, or spring semesters. 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, an expense reimbursement, and insurance for each student. The local field to where a student is assigned is responsible for housing, meals, and local transportation.

HOW ARE ASSIGNMENTS DETERMINED?

When a completed application and references are received, NAMB staff reviews the file for approval. Once approved, the information on your application, including skills, interests, abilities, field preferences, and dates of availability are considered in determining 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, student will contact NAMB's travel agent. Airline tickets will be billed to NAMB and an e-ticket sent to the student.

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. Teammates may be another college student assigned by either NAMB or a convention department of collegiate ministry or a high school junior or senior placed by NAMB.

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?

Summer missionaries receive orientation at the beginning of their term of service with others assigned to the same state convention. Semester missionaries receive orientation from the local supervisors 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 convention and local supervisors and requires pre-approval. Visits to the field, if authorized, should be planned so as not to disrupt or distract the missionary or their partner 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 usually takes about 30 days.

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WHAT ABOUT INNOVATOR STUDENT MISSIONARIES?

NAMB provides a missions opportunity called Innovators for students who find it necessary to earn an income from a secular job and yet desire to be involved in mission service. Mission service is not limited to their off hours. Innovators typically work with a team of other students in a resort area and are expected to be ministers while working at their secular jobs, as well as at a missions assignment. Though not required to be Southern Baptist, Innovator applications and references must demonstrate solid commitment to Christ and the ability to cooperate and minister with Southern Baptists.

Innovators provide their own transportation to and from the field. They receive wages from working jobs at their ministry sites rather than an expense reimbursement from NAMB.

Innovators are responsible for securing their own housing. The local supervisor will work with students to arrange housing before they arrive. Many Innovators live in dormitories or apartments shared with others assigned to the same location.

The local supervisor typically provides orientation for Innovators once students arrive on the field of service.

WHOM DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS?

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