

The granting of a scholarship should not be assumed during the process. Availability of funds depends on funds available at the time of request, as well as other factors, including:

- The effort an individual has given to raising support through their own fundraising letters and contacts;
- The individual's capacity through income, savings and resources to pay for his or her trip;
- The timeliness of the scholarship application.

A person should not request a scholarship and then determine how much they need to raise for their own support. The proper attitude and order is:

- God is leading me to participate in this trip and He will provide the funds.
- I will pray for the need to be met, and send out fundraising letters to my friends, family and colleagues; and plan other fundraising events.
- I will in prayer determine how much God wants me to provide financially for the trip from His blessings in my life. I will personally sacrifice to be obedient to God.
- I will then petition the fund to see if financial help is available.

**Q: I genuinely don't have enough money to pay for the mission trip. What should I do?**

You will need to:

- Review the fundraising guidelines and sample letters;
- Send out your personalized fundraising and prayer support letters as soon as possible;
- Pray and ask God to provide the funding you need for this trip;
- Prayerfully ask God what you should contribute to the trip if all funding has not come through the fundraising letters; and
- Complete and return a Scholarship Application Form.

**Q: If I apply for a scholarship do I still need to send in my initial, non-refundable deposit?**

Yes, you will need to either raise funds for the amount or pay the initial deposit prior to the deposit deadline to ensure your spot is held. An application alone does not guarantee your place will be held.

**Q: Can I assume that Central's Missions Scholarship Fund will pick up whatever funding I cannot raise?**

You cannot assume that the balance will be given. Scholarships will be granted:

- According to the effort given by the participant to raise funds;
- According to need;
- Pending availability of funds and the number of people requesting scholarships.

**Q: What is the largest amount I can expect to receive from a scholarship?**

Unless a highly unusual set of circumstances exist, the maximum amount of a scholarship will not exceed 50% of the total price of the need. Typically travel assistance for members is \$500 and \$250 for non-members. Each trip will receive individual consideration.

**Q. What should I do if I send in my deposit and then the Lord provides all of my funds through the letters I send out?**

If your fund-raising campaign results in meeting your needs, praise the Lord! Please contact us immediately so that we can remove your scholarship application from consideration and if you are expecting more gifts you may want to notify the possible donors that the need has already been met. This will allow us to provide more funding for others and will possibly provide you with donors for another trip.

**Q: When will I know if I will receive a scholarship and how much it will be?**

The Team will send you a confirmation of your scholarship approval and amount no less than one month prior to the trip to allow you time to raise any additional funds needed.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about this mission trip, fundraising or scholarships.

Sincerely,

Central's Missions Scholarship Fund

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