

Global Youth Mission 2009 Application Form

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Applicant Name _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birth Date _____ School _____ Grade (for 2008-09) _____

Mother's Name _____ Work Phone _____

Father's Name _____ Work Phone _____

CHURCH AFFILIATION:

Parish _____ Address _____

Who knows you well at the parish? Pastor ___ Youth Minister ___ Other ___ (specify title) _____

That individual's name _____ Phone _____

SITE PREFERENCE:

Please prioritize your site preference for service [1 is high]. **Every attempt is made to place youth in their first choice; however, since space is limited second or third choices are often assigned – flexibility is critical.**

(Parents please be sure you are comfortable with the site prioritization)

___ Nicaragua ___ Ecuador ___ Guatemala ___ Saint Lucia Island

LANGUAGE SKILLS:

(For those applicants who prefer Ecuador and Guatemala. Spanish is required for Ecuador – it is very useful but not required for Guatemala.)

What level of Spanish are you currently studying? _____

What are your grades in Spanish this academic year? _____

Name of current Spanish Teacher _____ School Phone number _____

SIGNATURES:

Applicant: *Your signature shows your full understanding and commitment to not only the mission experience but also the mandatory preparatory meetings.*

Applicant Signature

Application Date

Parents/Guardian: *Your signature indicates that you have fully read all materials related to this application and fully understand the commitment and responsibility you and your son/daughter are making by applying to this mission program.*

Mother signature

Father signature

*****Signature of both parents and/or guardian is required.*****

Parish/School Representative: *If you plan on requesting financial and/or fund-raising support from your church or school we ask that you speak to a representative from each organization (I.E. your pastor or youth minister) prior to submitting the application. This is to assure that the parish/school is knowledgeable of any youth that are applying for GYM. Please have them sign below:*

Signature of Parish Representative

Signature of School Representative

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Personal background/preparation for this experience:

Please use another paper to respond briefly to these questions

1. Why you would like to serve in another country?
2. What past service/mission/cross cultural experiences have you had? How have these experiences affected you?
3. What talents/skills/special gifts do you bring to this mission?
4. What life experiences have prepared you for this mission?
5. In what ways are you involved in your Church and school communities?
6. What special needs would you have, e.g. medications, allergies, illness. (For your well being this information is needed.)
7. Why have you chosen the site you have for your number one choice and number two choice. Please explain why you have specific interest in both of these choices.

References and Recommendations:

A. Provide three references and their phone numbers.:

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| 1. Name: _____ | Phone Number: _____ |
| 2. Name: _____ | Phone Number: _____ |
| 3. Name: _____ | Phone Number: _____ |

B. Also submit a letter of reference written by a school faculty member or a church staff person – they may send the letter directly to the name and address below.

Please Mail this Completed Form, Including Your Responses to the Questions, to:

**Cathy Pinter, Youth Mission Coordinator,
3518 North Cramer Street
Shorewood, Wisconsin 53211**

Questions can be directed to Cathy via email , cmpinter@sbcglobal.net

IMPORTANT: Each applicant must also have an in-person interview. (one parent must also be in attendance). When you mail in your application, please call 414-758-2280 (Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm) to set up your appointment (see description for times). Do not wait to be contacted; you must call to schedule your appointment. Interviews are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis, therefore it is best to apply and call as soon as possible.

This application is due NO LATER THAN January 16, 2009

***Special hint! Nearly 98% of the youth applying traditionally are accepted – we only seek to determine if this experience might be too overwhelming for a person – with that in mind we highly suggest you begin fund-raising early, especially with the holidays – many relatives would like to contribute to something like this rather than buy yet another pair of PJ's! – and it is tax-deductible!*