

NEXT GENERATION MISSIONAL ENGAGEMENT FUND

Group Scholarship Application



The Next Generation Missional Engagement Fund helps make it possible for children, youth, and young adults to engage in Christ's kingdom mission around the world. The fund supports scholarships for mission trips.

To apply for available scholarship funds, please complete this form and submit for review. There are several application deadlines throughout the year. More information, including application deadlines and frequently asked questions, is available at www.rca.org/nextgenfund.

All applications will be reviewed within two weeks of the posted application deadline date.

This application is for a group mission trip or experience and should be filled out by the team leader or youth pastor. Scholarship funds can be used to offset the overall cost of the trip or can be used to provide funds for students with financial limitations.

Requirements for application:

- Recipients of scholarship funds must be age 25 and under. This can either mean that the whole mission group or some members of the group are age 25 and under. Funds should be used to offset costs for group members that fit this qualification.
- Scholarship must be used for a mission trip. A mission trip should engage volunteers in Christian service with a focus on spiritual transformation and long-term impact on the partner and community.
- The mission group must be from an RCA congregation.
- One scholarship application per congregation, per year.

How to submit your application:

Email: shortterm@rca.org

Fax: 616-698-6606

Mail: RCA Short-Term Mission
4500 60th Street SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Today's date: _____

GROUP INFORMATION

Name of church: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ ZIP/Postal code: _____

Name of youth group (if applicable): _____

Team leader name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of participants **age 25 or younger**: _____ Number of participants **over age 25**: _____

Ages in the group: _____

OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

Mission trip or opportunity information

Location: _____

Dates: _____

Description:

Missionary or organization you will be serving with (ex: Grace Covenant Ministries): _____

Organizing agency, if different (ex: RCA Short-term Mission): _____

Primary contact person that you have worked with at the organizing agency: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

What will you be doing to support the missionary or mission organization?

OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION (continued)

How will your time of service help the partner organization or the community you will be working with?

What are your plans for pre-trip training and post-trip debriefing and follow-through for this mission experience?

Describe other mission trips that your church or youth group has participated in over the past three years.

BUDGET INFORMATION

Total cost of the experience: _____ (please indicate USD or CDN)

Planned cost per participant: _____ (please indicate USD or CDN)

Please provide a budget breakdown to describe what this cost covers (as much as you are able):

Amount of scholarship you are requesting: _____

Please describe how these scholarship funds will be applied to the participant costs for those age 25 and under:

Please describe your fundraising activities so far:

Please describe your plans for continued fundraising from now until your mission experience:

If you receive a scholarship, by what date would you require the funds? _____

If you have sent out support/fundraising letters, please include a copy of your letter with this application.

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please attach answers to the following questions in another document. Keep answers to 1-3 paragraphs. Include your name on the document.

1. Describe some of the ways you see God actively at work in your youth group or church.
2. Why have you chosen to serve on this mission trip or mission opportunity?
3. What are your hopes for this mission trip or mission opportunity?

SIGNATURE

- All information provided on this application form is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge.
- If a scholarship is granted, I agree to share with the RCA pictures and stories from my time of service.

Group leader's signature: _____ Date: _____