

Okolona Christian Church

Short Term Mission Trip Application

(Revised October, 2018)

Please read pages 2-3 before filling out the Application.

Complete the Application, Medical Release, and Release & Indemnification Agreement (pages 4-9) and return them, along with your \$75 contribution to OCC for processing.

Keep pages 2-3 for your records.

June 16 – 21, 2019
Indianapolis, IN Mission Trip

Student Mission Trip

Okolona Christian Church
10801 Faithful Way
Louisville, KY 40229
(502) 962-6500

Consider the Cost of Short Term Missions

Fund-raising is an integral part of your short-term mission experience. Don't let money keep you from applying for a short-term trip. God could be waiting for an opportunity to show you how big He is! Detailed fund-raising guidelines and materials will be provided at trip meetings.

Here are some inevitable costs that are your personal responsibility and separate from the cost of the mission trip:

DEPOSIT & BALANCE (COST OF TRIP)

The \$75 contribution that is submitted with your applications is your responsibility. In addition, if your fund-raising efforts are not entirely successful, the balance of the trip cost is also yours to pay one (1) month before you leave.

TRIP DETAILS

Departure: Sunday, June 16, 2019 from OCC at 1:00 pm

Return: Friday, June 21, 2019 to OCC, time TBD

Must Have: Notarized OCC Medical Release Form on file

For more information please contact Corey Willoughby at corey.willoughby@okolonacc.org or Brooke Montgomery at brooke.montgomery@okolonacc.org.

Short-Term Mission Trip Policies & Procedures

If you are interested in participating in a short-term mission trip with Okolona Christian Church, please read the following:

You must submit this completed application AND a non-refundable \$75 contribution before your application will be processed and reviewed. The \$75 check will be deposited in the bank immediately. In the event your application is not accepted or the trip is cancelled for any reason, the \$75 will be transferred into the church's short-term mission fund.

Participants must adhere to rules outlined in the team covenant (page 4). Please read it before applying.

Participants must also be committed to a lifestyle consistent with Christian values and teaching.

No one will be considered or accepted as a team member until a completed application and initial contribution are received.

Your application will be reviewed and a personal interview may be required. You will be notified by your team leader if you are approved as a team member no later than two weeks after the application deadline.

Short-term mission trips can be rewarding and life-changing; however, they can also be stressful. Please consider factors in your personal life at this time that may distract you and prohibit you from fully committing to the mission of the trip and adapting to unusual conditions.

Once accepted, team members are expected to attend all team meetings and retreats. Please verify that your schedule allows you to attend before applying for a trip.

All trip costs are the team member's responsibility and are due in accordance with the schedule provided to you regarding your individual trip. This booklet suggests ways to raise financial support; however, if full support is not raised, the balance is your responsibility. You may not begin to raise funds until you are notified of acceptance to the team and are informed of the proper fund-raising procedures.

If you are unable to participate in your trip for any reason, the Missions Ministry must receive cancellation notice as soon as possible. You may be responsible for all trip costs. Monies put towards mission trips are contributions. By completing this application, you acknowledge that the church has full authority to apply your contribution designated for this trip to other purposes in the event the trip is cancelled for any reason or you withdraw from the trip.

If you have physical limitations, please apply for trips in which you are physically able to participate. Some trips may be prohibitive for certain physical conditions. Please make the church and your team leader aware of these conditions.

Additional information regarding the price and dates for each mission trip is available from Okolona Christian Church. Team meetings are designed to inform and prepare you for the mission.

Team Covenant

As a member of the team, I agree to:

1. Remember that I am representing Jesus Christ as well as Okolona Christian Church. I will model Jesus in my behavior and my attitude.
2. Remember that I am a guest working at the invitation of my hosts. I will remember the missionary's prayer, "Where you lead me, I will follow; what they feed me, I will swallow."
3. Remember that we have come to learn, as well as to teach. I'll resist the temptation to inform our hosts about "how we do things." I'll be open to learning about other people's methods and ideas.
4. Respect the host's view of Christianity, recognizing that Christianity has many faces throughout the world and that the purpose of this trip is to experience that faith lived out in a new setting.
5. Develop and maintain a servant's attitude toward all nationals and my teammates.
6. Respect my team leader(s) and his or her decisions.
7. Refrain from gossip.
8. Refrain from complaining. I know that travel can present numerous unexpected and undesired circumstances, but the rewards of conquering such circumstances are innumerable. Instead of whining and complaining, I'll be creative and supportive.
9. Attend all team meetings before the trip as well as any follow-up meetings.
10. Remember not to be exclusive in my relationships. If my boyfriend/girlfriend or spouse is on the team, we will make every effort to interact with all the members of the team. If I am attracted to a teammate, I will not attempt to pursue a relationship until after we return home.
11. Refrain from any activity that could be construed as romantic interest in a national or teammate.
12. Refrain from illegal drugs and abstain from consumption of alcoholic beverages or the use of tobacco while on this trip.
13. Observe and practice the Statement of Faith included in my Team Member Manual.
14. Refrain from the teaching or practice of any belief that would not be endorsed by Okolona Christian Church (speaking in tongues, infant baptism, etc.).
15. I agree to abide by the fund-raising procedures endorsed by Okolona Christian Church and will personally thank all financial donors that contribute to my trip.
16. Remember that I can be sent home if I do not adhere to this Covenant or if my Team Leader believes it is in my best interest or that of the team.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parental Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please sign to show your commitment to this covenant and keep this for your personal reference.

ENCLOSE contribution of \$75.
(Non-transferable and non-refundable.)

Name: _____ Check #: _____ Trip: _____

The information on this form will be kept confidential and is for use by Okolona Christian Church Missions only.

Personal Data (Please print or type)

Legal name:

Last	First	Middle
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Nickname: _____

Are you married? _____ If so, your spouse's name: _____

Address: _____

Street	City	State	Zip
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Email address: _____ Cell phone: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Please indicate the best way to reach you: _____

Place of Birth: _____ Date of birth: _____ Age: _____

_____ Male _____ Female

Emergency Contact

Father's Name: _____ Father's Cell: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Father's Cell: _____

Church Involvement

Do you attend Okolona worship services? _____ Yes _____ No How long? _____

Are you a member of Okolona Christian Church? _____ Yes _____ No How long? _____

If not a member, where is your membership? _____

Have you served in a ministry at OCC? _____ Yes _____ No

If so, which ministries? _____ How long? _____

Personality Profile

Have you completed a Spiritual Gifts test? If so, what are your top 3 gifts?

Describe how others view your personality:

Describe your personal strengths:

Describe your personal weaknesses:

Are you comfortable sharing your faith with others?

My Personal Relationship with Jesus Christ & Mission Goals

1. When did you become a Christian?

2. Describe your personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

3. Why would you like to participate in this trip?

4. What would make this mission trip a success for you?

5. Have you spoken to your family regarding this trip? How was their response to your decision?

I understand and agree to the following policies:

- I have included my \$75 initial contribution that is due with this application and I acknowledge that the church has full authority to apply all contributions designated for this trip to other purposes in the event the trip is cancelled for any reason or if I withdraw from the trip. I understand that my contributions are not refundable.
- I have read and accept the “Policies and Procedures” and “Consider the Cost of Short-Term Missions.”
- If I cancel, I am responsible for full payment of the trip.
- I have read and signed the Team Covenant. I will adhere to the Team Covenant if accepted to the Short-Term Mission Team.
- I commit to attending and participating in the mandatory meetings and/or retreats for the trip I have applied for.

Signature: _____

Adult Release and Indemnification Agreement

In consideration of the undersigned's application for participation in a mission trip sponsored by Okolona Christian Church of Louisville, Kentucky (the "Church") and as an inducement to organizing the mission trip and permitting the undersigned's participation, the undersigned agrees as follows:

The undersigned hereby fully and forever releases and waives and agrees not to cause to be brought any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action of every possible kind and nature whatsoever the undersigned might assert, including, without limitation, claims for personal injury, wrongful death, or property damage, whether or not absolute, now or unknown, or otherwise against the Church or any of its elders, officers, employees, agents and volunteers (collectively referred to herein as the "Releasees") by reason of, arising out of or relating to the undersigned's participation in a church mission trip.

The undersigned further agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Releasees harmless from damages, including, without limitation, special, incidental and consequential damages, losses or expenses suffered or paid, directly or indirectly, as a result of any and all claims, causes of actions, suits, proceedings, demands, judgments, assessments, and liabilities, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred in litigation or otherwise, assessed, incurred, or sustained by or against the Releasees by reason of, arising out of or relating to the undersigned's participation in a Church mission trip.

The undersigned further agrees that this Release and Indemnification Agreement (the "Agreement") is binding upon the undersigned's heirs, executors, administrators, assigns and legal representatives; that this Agreement releases all successors, assigns and legal representatives of the Releasees; and that this Agreement is to be governed by the law of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The undersigned further agrees that the execution of this Agreement is continuing in nature; it is the undersigned's knowing and voluntary act; the undersigned does not intend to participate in the mission trip until and unless that undersigned has had full opportunity to the undersigned's satisfactions to inspect and determine the scope of the mission trip and receive all information from the leader of Church Mission Department which bear on the undersigned's decision to participate; and the undersigned is under no duress or undue influence to execute this Agreement.

The undersigned hereby grants full permission to the Church to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings, or other records or documents of the mission trip and to do so without notice or compensation to the undersigned. The undersigned acknowledges that the Church has made available applications for travel insurance and agrees that it is the undersigned's responsibility to purchase travel insurance. The undersigned assumes responsibility for full payment of the published and announced cost of the mission trip; agrees to pay any outstanding balance upon request by the Church; and agrees that any and all cost incurred by the undersigned during the mission trip, including, without limitation, costs due to health problems, emergencies and death, are the responsibility of the undersigned or estate of the undersigned.

The undersigned certifies that the information provided in the undersigned's application for participation in the Church mission trip is true, complete and correct and acknowledges that the undersigned has read and understands this Agreement; that the undersigned has not relied in signing this agreement on any statement, oral or otherwise, by the Church; and that it is the undersigned's intention with this Agreement to make a complete, general and unconditional release of any and all claims against the Releasees as set forth above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned hereby executes this Agreement on the date set forth below:

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Printed name: _____

Youth Release and Indemnification Agreement

The undersigned enters into this Agreement as the parent or legal guardian of the below-named minor.

In consideration of the undersigned's application for participation in a mission trip sponsored by Okolona Christian Church of Louisville, Kentucky (the "Church") and as an inducement to organizing the mission trip and permitting the undersigned's participation, the parent or legal guardian of the below-named minor agrees as follows:

The undersigned hereby fully and forever releases and waives and agrees not to cause to be brought any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action of every possible kind and nature whatsoever the undersigned might assert, including, without limitation, claims for personal injury, wrongful death, or property damage, whether or not absolute, now or unknown, or otherwise against the Church or any of its elders, officers, employees, agents and volunteers (collectively referred to herein as the "Releasees") by reason of, arising out of or relating to the undersigned's participation in a church mission trip.

The undersigned further agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Releasees harmless from damages, including, without limitation, special, incidental and consequential damages, losses or expenses suffered or paid, directly or indirectly, as a result of any and all claims, causes of actions, suits, proceedings, demands, judgments, assessments, and liabilities, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred in litigation or otherwise, assessed, incurred, or sustained by or against the Releasees by reason of, arising out of or relating to the undersigned's participation in a Church mission trip.

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Date: _____

Signature: _____

Printed name: _____