

2020 Student Mission Trip Application



Dear Student,

We are excited about your interest in our short-term trips to Portland, Maine or Nassau, Bahamas in 2020! Both trips provide opportunities for you to learn through cross-cultural relationships, grow in your relationships with Christ and others, and use your gifts to serve as part of the global Church.

Please spend some time in prayer and discussion with your parents or guardians about participating in a trip before submitting your application. We look forward to hearing from you with any questions you may have as you consider applying.

With thanks,
Pastor Chelsea and the FCCH Missions Committee

For more info, please contact:

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Instructions:

1. Please fill out this application neatly, completely, and honestly using blue/black ink.
2. Carefully read and consider the Risk Statement below with your parents. There will also be a risk assessment specific to each trip provided by the missions committee.
3. Make sure that you and your parents have signed the final page.
4. Turn in the application along with a \$100 deposit to Chelsea or leave in the drop box on the WC House porch by **February 23, 2020 (priority application deadline)**. Checks should be made payable to FCCH. (If you need more time on your deposit, please let us know in advance of submitting your application.)
5. Participants and their parents should attend an important meeting on **Sunday, February 23** (please see Chelsea if you will be away for February break). Students will be expected to participate in team meetings on Sundays **March 29, April 26, and May 17**. Students and their parents are asked to help run the church picnic on **Sunday, June 7**. Please mark your calendars now and notify Chelsea with any conflicts ASAP.
6. **Please note this year's Payment Schedule and Letter-Writing Deadline:**

February 9: \$100 deposit and/or scholarship request due upon application

March 22: Fundraising letters due (a packet with form letters will be provided on February 23)

April 26: Additional \$100 due for Portland team members; \$200 due for Nassau team members

June 28: Additional \$100 due for Portland team members; \$250 due for Nassau team members

**An alternate payment plan or extension may be worked out upon request. For example, students working to pay for their trip may wish to pay smaller amounts over a longer period of time.*

Risk Statement:

While the missions committee of FCCH, in partnership with its partner organizations, will take measures to minimize safety and health risks for trip participants, certain unforeseen incidents can arise and we cannot guarantee safety. Traveling to and working in many countries, and even many US cities, carries inherent risks. These include criminal acts, weather emergencies and health crises. If any of these events should occur, there would also be emotional consequences.

While the missions committee will conduct a risk assessment for each sponsored trip, all participants are encouraged to do their own research and risk review especially with respect to any personal health or other challenges.

All participants are responsible to receive recommended immunizations and vaccinations. Any personal health issues should be disclosed to trip leaders so potential medical treatments can be considered and planned.

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Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(Nassau applicants, please use your FULL LEGAL NAME as printed on your passport)

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____

School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Passport #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Country of Issue: _____
(Nassau trip only)

T-Shirt Size: (please circle one) S M L XL XXL

Parents/Guardians: _____

Preferred Contact Email: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____
(Please list a contact other than your parents for emergency purposes)

Emergency Contact Email: _____ Phone: _____

My trip preference is: ☐ Nassau ☐ Portland
 July 18-25 Aug. 2-7

Please answer the following questions to help us get to know you better. Feel free to write or type your responses on separate sheets of paper if that is easier for you.

1. Please tell us a little about why you want to serve in Nassau/Portland.

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2. What do you hope to contribute to the team?
3. Are you currently involved in our church? If so, please describe. If not, please tell us about some of your other commitments.
4. Describe your relationship with Jesus Christ and your spiritual life. *(Please be honest! We're not looking for perfect people, but for those who want to grow in their walk with Christ.)*
5. Please list any specific skills that you have, such as playing an instrument, cooking, building, encouraging others, organizational skills, etc. *(You might be surprised how your unique gifts could be helpful to the team!)*

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6. Please provide a summary of any cross-cultural or international experiences you have had.

7. Please describe your general physical condition. Do you have any restrictions on physical activity?
Any allergies or dietary limitations?

8. How do you hope this trip will contribute to your ongoing growth in Christ?

In the event that we need to learn more about you, who are two non-family members who would be willing to give a reference for you?

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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By signing below I agree to ALL of the following (please initial each item showing you have read them all):

- I offer my commitment to a 2020 summer trips team. _____
- I will attend and participate fully in pre- and post-trip meetings and meet all appropriate requirements and deadlines. _____
- I will check my email weekly as this is the primary means of team communication. _____
- I will submit myself to the leaders of my team and their decisions. (If I have a difference of opinion, I will seek to express it with respect, understanding that team leaders are responsible for the team's safety and wellbeing.) _____
- I will follow the safety policies prescribed for the trip. _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Return to: ckerickson@fcchamilton.org or the church office.