

Valley Ranch Baptist Church
International Mission Trip Request for Financial Assistance

The Valley Ranch Baptist Church Missions Leadership desires to equip and mobilize our church to go and serve for the purpose of helping people outside the walls to find and follow Jesus Christ.

It is our desire to encourage members of Valley Ranch Baptist Church to support and participate in foreign mission opportunities. In order to maximize the impact of these funds, we will give preference to those applicants with financial need who would be unable to participate in the mission trip without this financial assistance. All funds distributed will be capped at no more than \$1,000 per person or \$3,000 per family, and anyone participating in a mission trip will be required to attend pre-trip orientations and training. Applications will be kept confidential and will only be reviewed by the Missions Leadership Team.

We invite you to apply for financial assistance if your income is at or below the levels indicated in the following chart. Amounts will be awarded on this sliding scale. For example, a family of four whose household income is below \$110,250 would be eligible for financial assistance to cover one-half their mission trip costs (not to exceed \$1,000 per person or \$3,000 per family). A family of two whose household income is below \$101,990 would be eligible for 30% of their mission trip costs (not to exceed \$1,000 per person or \$3,000 per family). The maximum percentages apply to each person regardless of how many from a family are traveling, with a \$3,000 family max.

Eligibility is based on the requestor's honor; you will not be required to show your income. If your household income exceeds the guidelines set, according to the number of dependents in your family, we are unable to recommend financial assistance for you. We do not mean to be exclusive or restrict you from participating, but just feel this is the most prudent way to handle requests given our church's finite resources. Availability is subject to budgeted funds as well as actual contribution amounts.

	Household Income			
Family of 1	54,150	64,980	75,810	86,640
Family of 2	72,850	87,420	101,990	116,560
Family of 3	91,550	109,860	128,170	146,480
Family of 4	110,250	132,300	154,350	176,400
Family of 5	128,950	154,740	180,530	206,320
Family of 6	147,650	177,180	206,710	236,240
Family of 7	166,350	199,620	232,890	266,160
Family of 8	185,050	222,060	259,070	296,080
Maximum Assistance	50%	40%	30%	20%

Allocation of Funds

Funding will be allocated throughout the fiscal year on a quarterly or seasonal basis. If requests exceed the funds available, we will give preference to those who

1. are applying for mission trip financial assistance for the first time
2. travel on a VRBC-sponsored trip to a partnership country (Peru or Guatemala) OR those who are traveling with one of our preferred mission partners (e3, Buckner, Amazon Outreach, Family Legacy)
3. submitted their application first

Application Deadlines

Please submit your request by the following deadlines:

Trips in June, July or August	Application due March 1
Trips in Sept, Oct or Nov	Application due June 1
Trips in Dec, Jan or Feb	Application due September 1
Trips in March, April or May	Application due December 1

VRBC Mission Leader Scholarships

Occasionally VRBC may request for someone to participate in a mission trip based on the need for a particular skill or their leadership on a Mission Partnership Team for the specified country. In these instances, if the leader determines that he or she would be unable to participate without financial assistance, the leader would be eligible for a scholarship, subject to the availability of funds, regardless of whether he or she meets the income guidelines in the chart above.

Additional Funding for Mission Trip Participants

We highly encourage financial assistance recipients needing additional support to invite non-VRBC members to invest in their trip. This not only reduces the multiple asks to the same VRBC members but it also involves more people in missions. No one in the church will ever be prevented from offering to contribute to your trip, but we ask that you not solicit their support. Additionally, if you will be soliciting funds from non-VRBC members, we have several resources available that might assist you in writing letters and other fundraising efforts. Please contact Amy Wilkins for additional fundraising resources.

Instructions:

1. Please complete and submit the scholarship form to the Minister of Community and Global Missions.
2. A member of the pastoral staff must endorse the participant (s) going on the mission trip.

Requested by:

VRBC member

Trip Information:

Sponsoring Organization: _____

Trip destination: _____

Trip dates: _____

Purpose of trip: _____

Total trip cost for family: _____ Funding Requested _____
(dollar amount)

Percentage Requested _____ (Please see pg1 chart for max request)
(% of total trip cost)

Names and ages of other immediate family members participating in trip:

Approval Information:

1. Do you meet the household income requirements on page 1 to apply? Yes___ No___
2. Is this a VRBC-sponsored trip or that of an approved VRBC missions' partner? Yes___ No___
3. Pastoral Staff endorsement _____
(signature or attach email)