

Hope Student Ministries Trip Assistance Guidelines

Hope Student Ministries, a ministry of Hope Presbyterian Church offers various trips throughout the year. We fully understand that for some it may be a hardship to send your student on these trips. It is our wish that anyone who would like to participate in the trips we offer be able to do so. We will make every effort to help within our budget guidelines.

All applications for trip assistance will be kept confidential.

- Trip assistance should be requested only if a legitimate financial need exists.
- We fully support the idea of a student doing their part to help with the financial responsibility of a trip. However, if your family is in the financial position to pay in full for a trip, we ask that you pay for the trip and find avenues for him/her to work to contribute. This will allow us to help more families that are not in a position financially to pay 100% of a trip.
- If you have more than one student participating in an event, each student must have a separate application.
- You must submit a separate application for each trip for which you are requesting financial help.
- Applications for trip assistance are due at least **three months** before the event/trip. Please turn in applications to Bret or Jane in the HSM office, or drop in the mail slot in Jane's door.
- There will be a maximum amount any one student can receive over the course of the youth ministry year. This amount will be determined by the availability of funds.
- If a student is awarded a scholarship, he/she will be expected to volunteer at church as a way to "work off" the scholarship at a value rate of \$8 per hour. This work needs to be arranged & approved through the youth ministry staff.
- Other options for fundraising that you may not be aware of include; Kroger Gift Card (5% return), Commissary BBQ certificates (\$10 return on each certificate sold), Sonic Drive-in coupon cards (\$5 return for each card sold). For you to be considered for trip assistance you will be required to participate in at least one of these options.

Estimated cost of youth trips:

- Spring Break Ski trip-\$640
- Jr. High Great Escape, Gunnison, CO-\$535
- Sr. High Panama City Beach Trip-Early bird rate \$300 late rate \$350
- Six Flags St. Louis-\$95
- Fall weekend camp, Victory Ranch, Bolivar, TN-\$135

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these guidelines, please contact the HSM office to speak with Bret Spiegelman 507-1879 or Jane Hillis 507-1898.

Hope Student Ministries (HSM) Trip Assistance Application

Trip you are requesting assistance for? _____

- This application is due at least **three months** prior to the departure date.
- Please turn this application in to the HSM office.
- ALL** blanks must be filled in. Incomplete applications will **NOT** be considered for approval.

Name of Student _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ zip _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Grade ('11-'12) _____ School _____

Are you a member of Hope Church? Yes ___ No ___

Are you a regular attendee of HSM activities? ___ If yes, what events/activities do you attend?

Parent/guardian phone numbers, please state the name of the person at these numbers.

Home _____ cell _____ Work _____

Parent E-mail _____

Please specify amount needed

A. Total cost of trip \$ _____

B. How much you are able to pay **out of pocket** \$ _____

B minus A \$ _____

Total amount of assistance needed \$ _____

Which of the HSM fundraising opportunities are you currently participating in? For you to be considered for trip assistance you will be required to participate in at least one. Details for each of these fundraisers are on the website, www.hsmlife.com, Parents page

____ Kroger Gift Card (5% return)

____ Commissary BBQ certificates (\$10 return on each certificate sold)

____ Sonic Drive-in coupon book (\$5 return on each booklet sold)

If accepted for trip assistance, my child is willing to volunteer at church at a rate of \$8 per hour. Please list any extra curricular activities that would interfere with your child fulfilling this requirement. (Cheer, dance, band, sports, job etc.) _____

Briefly describe circumstances for need of trip assistance (job layoff, health issues, multiple kids that would like to attend trips etc.)

I attest that the above information is true and accurate and that a legitimate financial need exists.

Parent/guardian signature _____ date

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Approved: Y or N Date _____ Amount _____ Parent/student was notified Y or N Date _____