



DEAN & KEITHA THOMSON MISSION GRANT Guidelines and Criteria

It is the mission of the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation (“Foundation”) to be a catalyst that strengthens existing mission ministries and supports and develops innovative mission ministries meeting the needs of a diverse and rapidly changing society. This grant is specifically for individuals who are going on mission trips and who have an expressed financial need.

Mission Grant applicants should be aware that priority will be given to the following:

- A member of a United Methodist church or a member of a recently disaffiliated UM church who is in need of financial assistance for a mission trip.
- Mission trip work may be located locally, nationally or internationally with a focus on global health, including but not limited to medical needs, or disaster and recovery efforts.
- The mission trip work is deemed to be of a beneficial nature to the larger community and is an integral part of a long-range plan for growth and outreach.

Grants will be awarded on an annual basis. Grant applications must be received no later than **March 31st** to be considered for a grant to be awarded for a mission trip occurring during the course of the following year (12 months). In the case of a mission trip for disaster and recovery efforts, if an emergency grant is needed, the Foundation staff members, in consultation with the Stewardship Committee, have the right to award a grant in extenuating circumstances immediately. This emergency funding will not affect the integrity of the fund and can be supplemented with the NUMF “Gifts From The Heart – Mission Endowment Fund.”

A grant is not guaranteed. Grants approved by the Foundation’s Stewardship Committee are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the Foundation. The Foundation reserves the right to reject in whole or in part any grant application that it deems to be incomplete or not in accordance with the mission and policies set forth by the Foundation. The decision of the Board of Directors of the Foundation regarding all awards shall be final.

For additional information, please contact the Foundation at 402-323-8844.



Dean and Keitha Thomson Mission Grant Application

Please fill out the entire application completely. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

What church do you attend? _____

Hosting Church/Organization: _____

Date of Mission Trip: _____ Location of Mission Trip: _____

Purpose of Mission Trip: _____

Name of Mission Trip Leader: _____ Phone: _____

Total cost of the mission trip: \$ _____ Amount you are requesting from this grant: \$ _____

Are there any other sources of financial support? _____

Is this your first mission trip? Yes No If no, please list other mission trips that you have participated in (include date, location and purpose): _____

What attracted you to this particular mission trip? _____

Please provide any additional information about your financial situation that you feel may help the committee with its decision. For example, you must take unpaid vacation, you are a single parent, college student, have recently been laid off from work.

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Does your mission relate to the Great Plains United Methodist Conference? Please explain.

Is a Foundation grant necessary for you to participate in this mission? Yes No

Please explain

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application Deadline: **March 31st**

Mail form to:
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