

Davidson United Methodist Church (DUMC) Mission Trip Scholarship Policy

The intent of the scholarships is to encourage our members to engage in missional impact experiences away from our local community.

- The work performed on this trip must support or contribute to:
 - The mission of the UMC to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
 - The mission of Davidson UMC to be the Body of Christ in our community (within our walls and outside them) through worship, education, fellowship, and service.
 - The Davidson UMC Missional Impact goal of delivering sustainable and transformational missions.
- Mission trip scholarship applicants must be members of Davidson UMC.
- Mission trip scholarship support will not be provided for an individual more frequently than once every three years.
- The funding will be for a portion of the expenses, rather than full support.
 - If the traveler receives support for the trip from individuals or other organizations, the total amount received must not exceed the cost of the trip.
 - The funding will not be more than 25% of the total cost or \$500, whichever is less.
 - For exceptions, the applicant may show on the application any special considerations they wish to have considered, such as must use unpaid vacation, single parent, just laid off from job, full time student, etc.
- The scholarship application will consider travel time, the work being performed, worship, and leisure. Funding will not be provided for anything that appears to be mission tourism, parachute missions, poverty tourism, or vacationary (terms for unhealthy dependency, paternalism, or trips that are more leisure than service).
- The scholarship will not include funds for:
 - Passport and visa expenses
 - Immunizations and medications
 - Tips or gratuities
 - Travel that is not ministry-related (sightseeing, shopping, etc.)
- By accepting funding, the applicant agrees to report back the DUMC Missional Impact Strategy Team, perhaps with a presentation, about how the target community benefited, as well as their personal development and spiritual growth.
- Per the DUMC trip policy, short-term medical insurance will be required.
- If International Mission, applicant must comply with the International Mission Trip-Required Forms & Documents policy

