

2020 Northwestern College Spring Service Partnerships

U.S. Spring Service Partnerships offer you 8-10 days of serving with fellow Northwestern students at 10 different ministry sites in the U.S. The purpose is to equip us to serve more effectively as Christian servants in the world and to assist and encourage the missionaries and staff we are working with. The partnerships also offer you opportunities to expand your worldview through immersion into other cultures.

How do I apply?

- Print and fill out the U.S. application, answer the application questions on a separate sheet, and attach it to the application form.
- Be sure to indicate your first, second and third choices.
- Put your application, question sheet, and a \$40 deposit in an envelope and bring it to the drop box in the Ramaker Center
- *Remember: deposits are not refundable and not tax deductible.*
- Some partnerships might have gender ratio minimums and others have spaces allocated for specific majors.
- We will notify you through your NWC email of your placement.

How are teams selected?

U.S. teams are selected on a first-come, first-served basis and placement begins November 8 at 2:00 PM. This means that the first applications in the drop box are the first applications processed.

How much time is involved?

- Your team will meet on a regular basis from December or January until your trip leaves.
- Teams usually meet for about one hour each week.
- You must make attendance at your team meetings a priority!
- Your team will meet again a minimum of two times after your return for sharing and debriefing.

What are the financial commitments?

- You must pay a non-refundable \$40 deposit at the time you apply.
- You will have an expected contribution toward your team total. The amounts for each trip are included in the site description. The amount is an ESTIMATE of what you will need to contribute.
- You can raise the amount by personal contribution, with help from your family or church, and by support letters.
- Everyone on the team will continue to fundraise until the team goal is met.
- You will be provided with materials and guidance to help you fundraise.
- Some teams might hold group fundraisers.
- The fundraising deadline is February 21, 2020.
- Your contribution covers travel, room and board, program costs, site donations, and visas.
- The SSP program does NOT cover the cost of passport fees, immunizations, or personal spending money.

Look over the opportunities! If you have questions about the application process or a specific site, contact the SSP coordinators Emma Van Meeteren (emma.vanmeeteren@nwciowa.edu) or Kelsey Lang (kelsey.lang@nwciowa.edu) or the director of missions Patrick Hummel (phummel@nwciowa.edu).

2020 U.S. Spring Service Partnerships Application Form

1. Download, print, and complete this application form along with a separate sheet with answers to the questions below.
2. Bring a completed application and \$40 deposit to Ramaker and give to Tanya Vaas at the Campus Ministry desk or place them in Campus Ministry drop box.
 - **Applications will not be accepted without the \$40 deposit.**
 - **The \$40 deposit is non-refundable and is not tax-deductible.**
 - **Make checks payable to Northwestern.**
3. Applications will be accepted until all trips are full or until January 10, 2020.

Name: _____ Gender: M F

Major: _____

Cell Phone contact: _____ NWC Email: _____

Read, sign, and date to show you agree to the following financial commitments:

Spring Service Project participants will work within their individual teams to raise the total cost of their partnerships through support letters, fund-raisers, and personal contributions. Each team member will have an expected contribution to his/her team's total. **ALL team members will need to continue to fundraise until the total cost for their project has been raised in order for the team to leave for their site. All donations are tax-deductible and non-refundable.** The deadline for all team fundraising is February 22, 2019. Costs covered for each person include travel and transportation, room and board, and program costs. Not included are meals while traveling, and personal spending money.

I have read and understood the above financial commitments related to Spring Service Partnerships. I agree to do my best to faithfully fulfill the above obligations and to contribute to my team's total cost by meeting my personal expected contribution.

Signature

Date

Partnerships Requested:

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

You must answer these questions on a separate piece of paper and attach it to your application*

1. Describe briefly your relationship with Jesus Christ and your understanding of Christian Mission.
2. What are some gifts, talents or skills that you bring to the group?
3. Describe any cross-cultural/mission/service experience you may have and how you see this SSP experience as helping you in the future.
4. Do you have any special health/medical/dietary needs or conditions that would be a problem if you were not near medical facilities?

*Your information will only be viewed by Spring Service Partnerships leadership for the purpose of assisting in placement, training, and matching personal gifts with site needs.

For Office Use Only

Placement: _____

Date/Time of Request: _____

Deposit of \$40 Received (check # or cash and amount): _____