

7. Will I serve alone or with a partner?

Most summer missionaries serve with at least one partner. In some instances there may be a team of students assigned together. Partners and/or other team members may come from Mississippi and/or other states.

8. Will I stay in one area or move often?

The field of service will be responsible for missionary living arrangements for the summer. These vary with location. The most common living arrangement is with church families in the community of one's service. Some students live in the home of their supervisor. Be prepared to move at least occasionally.

9. Are visits by parents, family members or friends permitted while I am on the field?

Visits to the field of service by parents, family, or friends are not encouraged. The term of service is usually such a short period of time that visits to the field would be a distraction to the work of the student missionary. However, any necessary visit to the field should be cleared with the Collegiate Ministry Department, as well as the local field supervisor of the student summer missionary.

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Q&A

**MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST
STUDENT MISSIONS**

see. hear. go.



*"For we cannot help but speak about
what we have seen and heard."
~Acts 4:20*

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1. What is MS Baptist Student Missions?

Mississippi Baptist Student Missions is a volunteer program that offers college students an opportunity to serve alongside missionaries and/or pastors in the United States or internationally. Summer appointments are from 2 to 10 weeks. Semester opportunities are also available. The program is sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Student Union and the Collegiate Ministry Department in cooperation with the North American and International Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention.

2. How is MS Baptist Student Missions funded and are there any costs to the student?

Mississippi Baptist Student missions is a student sponsored program which is supported by the State Collegiate Missions Fund. The money received in the Collegiate Missions Fund comes from Mississippi BSU student contributions. These funds pay all expenses related to orientation for all students. In addition, the following is provided.

NORTH AMERICA: Travel costs are provided by the Mississippi Collegiate Missions Fund. The North American Mission Board also provides a \$75/week stipend for each student. The stipend is paid at the end of the summer. In addition, NAMB provides insurance for each student.

INTERNATIONAL: Each student is responsible for their travel costs and field expenses. The specific amounts vary with each job and is provided with the job description. The

Mississippi Collegiate Missions Fund provides a \$500 scholarship to students serving less than 4 weeks. Students serving 4 weeks or longer will receive a \$125/week scholarship. Students serving overseas are required to purchase travel insurance through Adams and Associates. Information on how to purchase that insurance will be given at the time of appointment.

3. What must I do to apply and receive financial assistance?

1. Go to www.missionsnow.net to begin an on-line application.
2. Complete application, including 4 required references.
3. Participate in a local interview at your local BSU or with your local church.
4. Participate in a state interview January 29-30, 2010. (North America only)
5. Attend Missions Orientation and LTC April 9-11, 2010.

4. What kind of supervision will I have?

NORTH AMERICA: Usually, the field supervisor will be a career missionary, associational director of missions, or a local pastor. The student will also be responsible to a state supervisor, to the Collegiate Ministry Department, and to the North American Mission Board.

INTERNATIONAL: The field supervisor will usually be a career International Mission Board missionary. The student will be responsible to the International Mission Board and the Collegiate Ministry Department.



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5. Who will handle my travel arrangements?

NORTH AMERICA: The Collegiate Ministry Department will handle all travel arrangements through an approved travel agent. Travel to and from the field will usually be commercial airlines. In very rare circumstances, a student may be asked to take a vehicle to the field.

INTERNATIONAL: Students are responsible for their own travel arrangements. However, the International Mission Board has a suggested travel agent that they strongly recommend the students use. Detailed information is given about this agency upon appointment.

6. What kind of orientation is given to student summer missionaries?

An orientation for Mississippi Baptist Student Missionaries is conducted in conjunction with Leadership Training Conference in the spring.

ATTENDANCE AT THIS ORIENTATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST STUDENT MISSIONARIES. Missionaries are commissioned on Saturday evening of Leadership Training Conference. Additionally many supervisors hold an orientation when students arrive on the field.