



Personal Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Numbers: Home: _____ Cell: _____

D.O.B. _____ Grade _____ Male / Female T-Shirt Size _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Telephone Numbers: Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Berea First Baptist Church 2020 Nashville Mission Trip

Personal Commitment

The Student Ministry of Berea First Baptist Church wants to take the good news of Jesus Christ to Nashville, TN. We believe the greatest gift that we can offer is the message of salvation. Therefore, regardless of your role on this team, your purpose in going is to point people to Christ.

Participation in a mission trip is a serious commitment. The primary purpose of a mission trip is not leisure or tourism; the primary purpose is service to advance the gospel. In other words, this is not a vacation. Yes, we will have a ton of fun, but we will work hard, do a lot of walking, and experience long days. We will learn to sacrifice our own comfort and preferences in order to make much of Christ and accomplish His mission. You will hear us say often, "It's not about you. It's about Jesus."

*Therefore, going on a mission trip will require much spiritual and practical preparation. In order to participate, you will need to attend all training sessions (if you have a legitimate scheduling conflict, you should let Ricky know immediately and certainly before the training session so that other arrangements can be made for you to master the material covered). In addition to obtaining **two (2) character references by May 10** (one from a Berea First Baptist Church minister [other than Ricky] or adult Berea Student Ministry leader and one from a teacher, coach, or supervisor), students will also need to complete **twenty (20) hours of service** and have at least **three (3) gospel conversations** in our local community **by June 14**.*

***The total cost for the trip is \$399. A \$100 deposit is due by April 5.** The Student Ministry and the Music Ministry will also be putting on a dinner theater as a fundraiser for student missions. Every participant should make plans to attend; all those who participate in that fundraiser will have a share of the proceeds applied to the cost of their trip. Typically, enough funds are raised for students to receive \$100 off their trip.*

Here is the schedule for payments and mandatory training:

- **March 1: Dinner Theater from 4:00-8:00 p.m.**
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- **April 26: Training from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Crosswalk (meal served)**
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- **July 8: Training from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Crosswalk (meal served)**

**All payments are non-refundable. The balance may be reduced due to proceeds from various fundraising efforts.*

We understand the level of commitment necessary to attend this mission trip and agree to the above terms. My child has my permission to attend the mission trip to Nashville, TN with Berea First Baptist Church. I release BFBC and any of its agents from any and all claims that may result from my child's participation in the mission trip and its accompanying service work. I understand that I am responsible for all insurance and/or medical or any other expenses incurred as a result of my child's participation in this event. I further understand that I am responsible for all incurred expenses even if my child withdraws or is removed from the team.

Signature of Student

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Covenant

Please read the items below carefully before signing the form:

As a member of the Nashville Mission Team, I agree to...

- Attend every session of our training process.
- Perform at least twenty (20) hours of service in my local community (see attached).
- Engage in at least three (3) gospel conversations with people (see attached).
- Obtain two (2) character references (see attached).
- Submit to the authority of the youth pastor, the team leaders, and the on-the-field hosts.
- Refrain from any behavior that may compromise my witness.
- Work toward and maintain a spirit of unity within our team.
- Serve and encourage others at every opportunity on this journey.
- Personally cover all incurred expenses on my behalf if I withdraw or am removed from the team.

Signature of Student

Date

Students, please answer the following questions on your own without any parental (or any other) assistance:

Personal Testimony

1. Are you a Christian? (circle one) Yes / No / Not Sure

2. If yes, how long have you been a Christian? _____

3. When did you accept Jesus into your life? Briefly share your story on the lines below:

4. On a scale of 1-5, how sure are you that you're going to heaven? (circle one)

1	2	3	4	5
Not Sure		I think I am		I know I am

5. What's an area in your life in which you have become more like Jesus over the last year? Give some specific examples.

6. In your daily life, what would you say is your biggest struggle and why?

7. In your daily life, how would you say you set a good example for others (character traits, strengths, abilities, spiritual gifts, etc.)?

8. On a scale of 1-5, how would you rate your relationship with God? (circle one)

1	2	3	4	5
Not good		So-So		Awesome

9. How often do you... (circle one for each item)

a. Read God's Word on your own? Daily | Weekly | Monthly | Every Now & Then | Never

b. Pray on your own? Daily | Weekly | Monthly | Every Now & Then | Never

c. Attend Sunday Morning Worship each month? Weekly | Three Times | Twice | Once | Never

d. Attend Sunday School each month? Weekly | Three Times | Twice | Once | Never

e. Attend Wed. Student Worship each month? Weekly | Three Times | Twice | Once | Never

10. This school year, did you attend... (circle one for each item)

a. Fall Retreat? Yes / No

b. DNOW? Yes / No

Motivation

1. Why do you want to go on a mission trip (what are your hopes?)?

2. Have you ever been on a mission trip before? Yes / No (circle one)

a. If so, describe your experience:

Place (City/Country) and Year	Group/Church/Agency You Went With	What Did You Do There?
1.		
2.		
3.		

b. Name 2-3 lessons God has taught you through your participation in these mission trips, and give a specific example of how He taught you each lesson. (Examples: When we passed out hygiene packs and spoke to the homeless in New Orleans, God opened my eyes to see that each person is made in His image and that He wants to use me to show His love to everyone. When we were doing park clean-up in Philadelphia, I realized that simple acts of service can go a long way to making people more open to hearing the gospel.)

Place(s) (City/Country) and Year(s)	Lesson
1.	
2.	
3.	

Beliefs

1. How do you get to heaven?

2. Who is Jesus? What did He accomplish for us?

3. Are human beings basically good or basically bad? Explain.

4. How accurate do you think the Bible is? Explain.

5. How can you know if you are really going to heaven?

**Berea First Baptist Church
Community Service Project**

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Place of Service: _____ Date of Service: _____

Description of Service: _____

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I authorize that the above student completed the project described above in a satisfactory manner.

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First Name of the Person You Spoke To: _____

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Did he/she receive Christ? Yes / No

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Berea First Baptist Church | 2020 Nashville Mission Trip
CHARACTER REFERENCE

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Your Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant: Berea Minister/Adult Berea Student Ministry Leader

How Long Have You Known the Applicant?: _____

Please honestly assess the applicant in the following areas based on your relationship and observations (circle your answers). Email your completed form to rstark@bereafbc.org or mail it to the following address to the attention of Ricky Stark: Berea First Baptist Church | 529 Farris Bridge Road | Greenville, SC 29611. Applicants will not see your answers.

1. Applicant's Christian Walk and Commitment:

Weak | Below Average | Average | Above Average | Strong | Outstanding | Unobserved

2. Moral Character and Lifestyle:

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14. What are the applicant's strengths? _____

15. What are the applicant's weaknesses? _____

16. Do you have any concerns about this applicant participating in this mission trip—including any concerns about him/her working with minors? _____

17. Other Comments: _____

18. Conclusion about Applicant (select one):

- ☐ I do not know enough to recommend.
- ☐ I do not recommend.
- ☐ I recommend with some reservations.
- ☐ Basic Recommendation
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- ☐ Highest Recommendation Possible

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