

Qualifications to Participate in a Mission Trip with London Bridge Baptist Church

To ensure the effectiveness of our mission efforts and the spiritual growth and safety of all participants, individuals interested in joining a mission trip must meet the following qualifications:

1. Personal Faith and Testimony

- Must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and be actively growing in their faith.
- Proficient in sharing the gospel message.
- Completion of the 3 Circles-Share class is required for all state, national, and international trips.

2. Church Involvement

- Must be an active participant in the life of London Bridge Church.
- Maintains approximately 67% attendance in a small group.

3. Team Spirit and Servant Attitude

- Must be willing to serve in any capacity and follow the direction of the team leader and host partners.
- Should demonstrate flexibility, humility, and a heart for others.

4. Preparation and Training

- Must attend all required training sessions such as team meetings, cultural awareness, team-building activities, and complete any assigned reading or preparation.
- May be asked to revisit 3 Circles-Share class material if not yet proficient in sharing the 3 Circles Gospel presentation.

5. Physical and Emotional Readiness

- Must be in good physical health and emotionally stable to meet the demands of mission work, which can be physically and spiritually challenging.
- Must be able to handle living in potentially uncomfortable or unfamiliar environments.

6. Financial Responsibility

- Must be committed to raising financial support, either by sending out donation letters or by personally covering the full trip cost by the set deadlines.

7. Legal and Logistical Requirements (for International Trips)

- Must have Real ID or other TSA-approved identification for all domestic air travel.
- Must have a valid passport that does not expire within 6 months of the return date.
- Must be able to obtain any required vaccinations based on destination.
- Must sign and comply with all London Bridge mission policies and team covenant agreements, stated on Trip Interested Form.

Recommended Ages for Mission Trips

1. Local Mission Trips (Within Virginia Beach or Nearby Areas)

- **Age: Any (unless otherwise specified)**
- Great for families, children, and first-time participants.
- Focus on service projects, evangelism, and community outreach.
- Parent or legal guardian must accompany any child under age 12.

2. Regional/National Mission Trips (U.S.-based, Outside Local Area)

- **Ages: 13 and up**
- Seventeen and under may attend with parental consent and adult supervision.
- Often includes projects such as state partnership and Puerto Rico trips.
- Youth under 18 require a designated adult leader or chaperone.

3. International Mission Trips

- **Ages: 16 and up**
- Participants under 18 must travel with a parent or assigned guardian.
- Maturity, cultural sensitivity, and flexibility are essential.
- Must meet passport, visa, and vaccination requirements.

General Guidelines

- All participants must demonstrate a heart for service, willingness to learn, and team-oriented mindset.
- Age exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis depending on the trip's nature and supervision availability.