

**INTERNATIONAL TRIPS 2008-2009
APPLICATION FORM**

Thank you for applying to a Campus Ministry International Trip for 2008-2009! These international experiences require a demonstrated and lived commitment to faith, service, social justice, and building community. Applicants will be selected for an interview based on their consistent commitment to volunteer service, their desire for social justice, their experience in community, and their faith/spiritual development. We are sorry we cannot grant an interview to all applicants, so we encourage you to answer carefully the questions below. You are also encouraged to consider regional immersion experiences offered through the Center for Service and Community Engagement: www.seattleu.edu/csce.

I am applying for (please check all that apply. If selecting more than one trip, please indicate a first and second preference):

Mexico Mission Trek (December 13-20, 2008)

Belize Outreach (Spring Break 2009)

Ecuador Excursion (Spring Break 2009)

Name _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Address (current) _____ **Email** _____

Address (current) _____ **Phone** _____

Anticipated date of graduation _____ **Major(s)** _____

Cumulative GPA to date _____ **Religious Preference** _____ **Citizenship** _____

Who at S.U. can serve as a reference for you?

Name _____ **Phone** _____

Health Insurance Provider _____ **Phone** _____

Health Insurance Policy # _____

Parent/Guardian Information

_____ father's name

_____ mother's name

_____ street address

_____ street address

_____ city/state/zip

_____ city/state/zip

_____ phone

_____ phone

*Can your parents serve as your emergency contacts? Yes _____ No _____
If not, who should we contact in the case of an emergency?*

_____ name

_____ relationship

_____ phone

COST: The cost of Mexico Mission Trek is \$950 per person. Belize Outreach and Ecuador Excursion cost \$1500 per person. *Fundraising advice and assistance will be provided.* Are you willing to commit to raise and pay the total amount for your participation in the trip? If so, please indicate by signing below.

Signature _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Please type your answers to these questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. What excites and motivates you to be a part of an international trip? Why did you choose this particular country at this point in your life?
2. How do you think participating in this trip will contribute to your educational experience at Seattle University?
3. Please list the volunteer opportunities you've participated in, either in high school or at SU, and mark which were part of an academic course and which you sought out on your own.
4. Tell us about an encounter during one of these volunteer experiences that was particularly powerful, or describe a significant interaction you've had with a person in poverty. What did you learn?
5. One of the goals of the program is to explore and deepen participants' understanding of and involvement with world citizenship. Please describe your understanding of what is involved in being an active world citizen and how it relates to social justice.
6. Reflecting upon one's experience in light of faith will be an important part of this experience. How does your faith or spirituality impact your desire to participate in this trip? How might you expect your faith to grow?
7. A focus of the trip experience is building community with others, both the group from SU and the community in-country. Please provide some examples of teams, groups, or communities of which you've been a part.
8. What specific gifts, skills, and abilities will you bring to the team of people with whom you will be preparing, fundraising, traveling, and following up from this international immersion experience?
9. What do you believe helps to build a sense of community among people of diverse perspectives and experiences?
10. The conditions under which we'll live in-country are simple and may be challenging (e.g. different foods, cultural norms, living in close quarters, etc.) What do you anticipate will be challenging for you and how might you respond? How might you help others feel more comfortable?
11. Briefly, what ideas do you have for fundraising (both personally and communally) to help pay for the cost of the trip?
12. What expectations or hopes do you have for your international immersion experience? Also, do you have any concerns about the trip?