



SCORE

INTERNATIONAL

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How to Become a
SCORE Missionary

“How do I Become a Missionary with SCORE?”

[THE 10 STEP PROCESS]

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Mission Statement:

To glorify God through missions in obedience to the Great Commission.

Matt 28:19-20, 1 Peter 4:7-11

Strategic Objectives:

1. Evangelize the lost
2. Engage people in missions
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5. Empower people to excellence

Core Values:

1. Compassion - Matthew 9:36
2. Humility - Proverbs 15:33
3. Obedience - 1 Samuel 15:22
4. Integrity - Proverbs 10:9
5. Commitment - Proverbs 16:3
6. Excellence - Proverbs 22:29
7. Stewardship - 1 Peter 4:10

Thank you for your interest in becoming a SCORE Missionary! This booklet will give you an overview of our process for approving Missionaries for field work in both the U. S. and Internationally. Once you have read this booklet and you feel God calling you to take the next step, please complete our online Preliminary form and submit.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call our home office for more information. (423) 894-7111.

Blessings to you!

Chris Gaither

Director of Enlistment and Leadership Development



Approval process for SCORE missionaries

Step One - Preliminary Form

First Step is completing our online form.

We are thankful that you are seeking to know "How to become a SCORE Missionary". You may have been invited on a short-term project, or become familiar with the ministry through your pastor, church, or even a SCORE staff member. We are excited that God has opened up that door of communication with you. Now, it's important that we follow through on your interest with an intentionally designed process. Once you have read through this booklet, you may complete our online Preliminary Form. This form is the initial contact we need to get to know you better. The Director of Enlistment & Leadership Development will contact you for a phone discussion once he has read your preliminary form. If you have been selected to proceed, our missionary application will be sent you.

Apprenticeship qualification questions for Initial Interview.

1. Statement of salvation
2. Able to communicate God's call and the Giftedness and capacity to fulfill.
3. References for the modeling a godly life
4. Age appropriate for potential service appointment
5. Appropriate relationship status (married or single)
6. Number of dependant children
7. Citizenship or residency
8. History of church membership
9. Evidence of commitment to evangelism and discipleship
10. Education and experience to match potential assignment
11. Physical, mental, and emotional well-being.
12. Demonstration of ability to manage current financial obligations
13. Background check
14. Free of military obligations that would interrupt initial term of service

Step Two - Application

The application process

Once you receive the Application for Missionary Service, it's important to complete it right away and send in according to the directions. This will require getting reference sheets into the hands of various people, and will also involve setting up a doctor's appointment in order to complete the medical forms. Receipt of application will be acknowledged and the Approval process will be initiated. Please send your completed application to the following address:

SCORE International
Atten: Missionary Enlistment
P.O. Box 9994
Chattanooga, TN 37412

Assessment

The Director of Enlistment & Leadership Development will review the application and references, go through various steps of assessment with the staff to determine if the applicant qualifies for a personal interview.

There may be an extended period of time before receiving anymore communication. This allows for the "process of checks" to take place.

Step Three - The Approval

Approval for Apprentice Service

Once the above mentioned processes have been completed, with recommendation from the SCORE leadership team, and respective Field Director, the applicant will receive notification of approval to serve as an Apprentice in process for career appointment.

Next step will be the **Candidate Training**. (CT) The Candidate Training is a prerequisite for all SCORE missionaries and spouses, and it is imperative to complete this training to continue for Apprentice assignment. The Director of Enlistment & Enrichment along with the SCORE leadership team, will determine the financial needs, future job assignment, language assessment need, and eventual deployment for the first term of service.

All potential candidates will begin receiving **their approval** to attend Candidate Training, and be encouraged to start raising support to cover the costs of the first step of training.

Step Four - The Process

What to expect and when.

1. Approval for apprentice service
2. Candidate Training (CT)
 - a. Attend support raising Solutions Boot Camp
 - b. Attend one of two approved cultural and pre-field training
 - c. Attend SCORE Retreat
3. Language school (if needed)
4. Field assignment
5. Field evaluation
6. Career appointment

Step Five - The Training

Candidate Training

** It is important that both the husband and wife attend the training at CT.*

A. Attend support raising solutions Boot Camp

or complete equivalent approved training

B. Attend cultural pre-field and training schools

This one month long cultural training class will be scheduled just prior to deployment.

C. Attend SCORE Retreat:

All approved apprentices/missionaries are welcome to join us late August or early September for a 3 day SCORE staff retreat where we share testimonies from the field, introduce new missionaries, worship together, and share important ministry updates. A portion of this retreat will be reserved each year for the candidates to meet with the Director of Enlistment & Leadership Development to overview SCORE administrative systems.

Step Six - Deployment

Apprentice Deployment

In this stage, the new missionary will be introduced to the Board of Directors and begin the pre-field new missionary processes, in addition to completing Field Preparation Orientation. At this state the candidate will be assigned to language school or directly to the ministry field if the language requirements have been met according to the Field Director responsible. The first term assignment for all apprentices will be a minimum of one-year. After the first year assignment, an evaluation will be done and recommendation for career appointment or additional term will come from the immediate Field Supervisor and Field Director.

Appointment for Career Service

Career appointment will be confirmed from the recommendation of the Field Director and finalized by the SCORE leadership team and Board of Directors. From this point annual reviews are conducted with the possibility for leadership positions being assigned.

Step Seven - The Game Plan

Each missionary's endeavor begins with an established plan

Goals will then be set by each missionary family and in partnership with the Director of Enlistment regarding:

- Family budget
- Ministry budget
- Church contacts
- Individual contacts
- Recruitment opportunities
- Date for full-support
- Date to departing to assigned location

Step Eight - The Support

Every potential SCORE staff must receive support from their sending church.

Once approved by the SCORE Director of Enlistment & Enrichment to raise funds, the candidate will need to raise the initial amount for CT. We suggest you meet with your Pastor and home church. It is very important that you have the blessing of your sending church. Next, ask for support from family, friends and peers. Start developing your contact list with the following:

People who care about you **PERSONALLY**

People who care about your **CAUSE**

People who care about **SCORE**

BE PREPARED TO SHARE at ANYTIME – ANYWHERE!

A. Your **PASSION**

B. Your **POSITION**

C. Your **PLAN**

D. Your **PRIORITIES**

E. Your **PROCESS**

All donations are tax-deductible and should be sent to the SCORE home office where an account in your name will be set up. Fundraising training process. The SCORE home office will help with training related to personal finances, budgeting, and ministry costs.

Step Nine- Doctrinal Expectation

**Statement of Faith
What is SCORE?**

Every missionary staff member with SCORE International must be in compliance and agreement with the **Statement of Faith and Standard of Conduct.**

It is required that all staff read these documents each year and sign a statement that they are in complete agreement with the Statement of Faith, and will choose to live in agreement with the Standard of Conduct.

***These documents must be read and agreed with before requesting an application. The application will contain these documents again and must be signed and sent in with the applicatioWn.**

What is SCORE?

You must know our mission statement, our strategic objectives, and how SCORE started.

SCORE stands for....

Sharing, Christ, Our, Redeemer, Enterprises.

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SCORE International is a short term mission organization founded in 1984 by Ron Bishop. Originally founded as a sports ministry, SCORE has evolved into a full service mission organization. SCORE provides all inclusive trips that are managed by our qualified staff and missionaries. Each trip offers lodging, meals, trip insurance, ground transportation, interpreters, ministry set-up and a trip coordinator. These all inclusive trips make it easy for people to go!

"Short-term trips, Long-term effects."

Step Ten - Testimony

Every missionary needs to develop their personal testimony. What is yours?

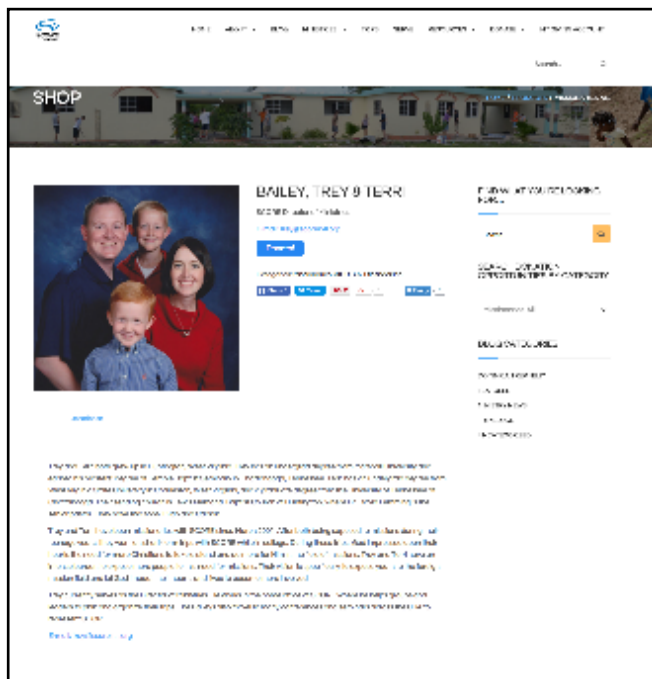
Peter wrote that we should “always be prepared to give an answer to anyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have” (1 Peter 3:15). Peter also says that you need to “prepare” for possible opportunities to speak about him. Please take the time to prepare your testimony.

When you submit your testimony with your application, please include the following:

1. What was your life like before you encountered Jesus?
2. When and how did you become a Christian?
3. How God called you to become a missionary?
4. Where is your passion for serving God?

- Practice Telling Your Story (15 -30 minutes).
- Type your testimony (Long and Short versions).
- Tell your testimony to your pastor, and get his feedback.

Once you become a SCORE Missionary, we will ask you to send a personal profile which will include your testimony and family information, along with a photo. SCORE will create a profile page on our website. Then you can direct your church, family and friends to give a one time gift or a monthly gift.



SCORE Family

Every missionary needs the support of their sending organization.

Once you have been approved as a SCORE Missionary, and your journey begins, the SCORE family will come along side you to plan and prepare for future ministry.

SCORE will provide you with...

1. An e-mail account
2. First 500 Business cards
3. SCORE printed materials
4. One Banner display

The Director of Enlistment & Leadership Development, along with our Leadership Team will guide and instruct through the steps of deployment. SCORE has only one goal in mind, **“To glorify God through missions in obedience to the Great Commission”.**

“The evangelization of the world waits not on the readiness of God but on the obedience of Christians.”
—Bill M. Sullivan

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Statement of Faith

- 1.** We believe that all the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are verbally inspired of God, and they are without error in the original writings, and they are the supreme and final authority for faith and life.
- 2.** We believe in one God, Creator and sustainer of the universe, Who is eternally existent in three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- 3.** We believe in the Deity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, sinless life, His death to pay the penalty for our sins, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, and His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.
- 4.** We believe that all have sinned and are therefore guilty before God and are under His condemnation.
- 5.** We believe that all who by faith receive Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit, therefore children of God and eternally saved, and that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to enlighten, guide, and enable the believer in life, testimony, and service. We believe that God answers the prayers of His people and meets their needs according to His purpose.
- 6.** We believe that God gives spiritual gifts to all believers for the building up of the body of Christ and the reaching of the lost. All gifts must be within the guidelines of sacred scripture.
- 7.** We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell.
- 8.** We believe that all believers are called to a life of separation from all worldly and sinful practices and alliances.

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Standard of Conduct

1. SCORE International, Inc. (including domestic and foreign affiliations under the SCORE International structure) is dedicated to the Lordship of Christ in all areas of life. The distinctives of SCORE International lie in its philosophy and goals. Those who are directly associated with SCORE International, including directors and staff form a community and are not a collection of autonomous individuals. These associates consequently bear certain responsibilities and obligations within the organization for the implementation of its philosophy and goals. In order that the organization functions smoothly and its goals be realized, it is necessary that there be a mutual commitment to a corpus of standards which involve the willing surrender of certain individual purposes and goals.

2. SCORE International, Inc. must follow specific biblical principles, which relate to Christian behavior. Therefore, SCORE International prohibits practices which are clearly forbidden by the Word of God, such as drunkenness, sexual immorality, dishonesty, etc. (I Cor. 6:9-20). Further, to expect the Christian to exemplify Christian love, consideration for the rights of others, honesty and a high sense of Christian ethics is to expect only that which the Word of God teaches to be primary in the character of the Christian (Eph. 4:24-5:8).

3. SCORE International, Inc. is firmly committed to a literal interpretation of the Bible and rejects any attempt to “reinterpret” Scripture in light of “modern” moral or psychological theories. In the Biblical account of creation, the family was the first societal institution ordained by God (Gen. 1:27; 2:18-22). Furthermore, Scripture plainly declares that the first two humans created by God were a man and a woman (Gen. 1:27; 2:18-22). God joined the man and the woman in the holy rite of matrimony and commanded them to be fruitful, multiply, and replenish the earth (Gen. 1:28). Therefore, the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman (Gen.2:24;Rom.7:2;I Cor.7:10;Eph.5:22-23). In both the Old and New Testaments, God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity should take place outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. Accordingly all forms of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery and pornography are sinful perversions of God’s gift of sex. (Gen. 2:24; 13; 19:5; 26:8-9; Lev. 13:22; 18:1-30; Rom. 1:26-29; I Cor. 5:1; 6:9; I Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4). Since SCORE International, Inc. believes that

all sexual activity outside of a marriage between a man and a woman, including homosexual practices, are in direct opposition to God’s Word and constitutes a direct contradiction to God’s institution of home, SCORE International, Inc. will not employ or continue to employ men or women who promote or participate in homosexual behavior or any other sexual activity outside of marriage.

4. SCORE International, Inc. recognizes the principles of Christian liberty within the sphere of those things, which are intrinsically innocent. However, SCORE International also recognizes that liberty needs to be restricted in certain instances. Scriptural precedent is found in Acts 15 and Romans 14, where certain practices inherently innocent were forbidden because they could do spiritual harm to other members of the Christian community. Verses for reference include: I Corinthians 6:12 – Lawful, but not expedient (not profitable for our good) I Corinthians 10:23 – Lawful, but not edifying. I Corinthians 8: 9 – Could be a stumbling block. Romans 1:32 – Christians are different, and by living like the world, we approve of it. There should be no pleasure in watching sin. Ephesians 5:6-7, 11 – Don’t be deceived with vanity and participate in it. Colossians 3:17 – Make sure it pleases the Lord, not the emotions – flesh or self. Hebrews 12:1-2 – Lay aside weights as well as the sin.

5. Certain principles of conduct are a necessary part of the effort to establish an atmosphere within which the goals of SCORE International can be realized. For this reason, SCORE International requires associates of the organization to refrain from the possession or use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, illicit drugs, from gambling and from the participation in oath-bound secret organizations (societies). Christian discretion and restraint will be exercised in all choices of entertainment, including radio, television, audio and visual recordings, and various forms of literature. Also, Christian discretion will be exercised in observance of the Lord’s Day. Furthermore, it is expected that associates will actively support a local Bible-believing church through service, giving, and allegiance.

6. SCORE International, Inc. rejects the principle that exposure to and/or experimentation with doubtful and objectionable practices is essential to the development of moral or intellectual discernment and/or discrimination. SCORE International reserves the right to make the final decision in any questionable area based upon Biblical principles.

Standard of Conduct continued...

7. SCORE International, Inc. recognizes that observance of SCORE International standards does not comprise the whole of an individual's responsibility to God and hence does not necessarily indicate that one is living a life of full commitment. The philosophy of SCORE International, however, maintains that willingness to obey these Biblical standards shows a maturity and spiritual concern for the whole Christian community. (Gal. 5:13-24).

8. Conduct that is an offense to good taste, sound morality, or Biblical foundation will not be acceptable. While some may not have personal convictions wholly in accordance with SCORE International standards, the purpose underlying them necessitates the honorable obedience to them. If an individual can no longer in integrity conform to them, that person should withdraw from SCORE International immediately.

9. To insure that the doctrinal position of SCORE International will be maintained in an uncompromising manner and believing that a consistent and exemplary life, according to Biblical standards and principles, should be expected of those who undertake the instruction and guidance of Christian youth, it is required that those associated with the organization shall individually affirm by signing the following at the time of initial association and shall so re-affirm at such time as determined by SCORE International, Inc.

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