

STATESIDE

2020



Dear **STATESIDE** Applicant,

I am so confident that God has great things in store for the **Stateside** team this summer. So many students over the years have testimonies of the impact that this trip has made in their class and in their personal relationships with Jesus.

Please carefully read through the application and, most importantly, pray about this opportunity you have to serve the Lord on this unique trip. If you are excited to apply, I would encourage you to be honest and real about your life and how God may be able to use you on this trip, as well as what He can teach you as a member of this team. This is NOT a comfortable trip!

Enclosed you will find the **Stateside** application. You must have *completed the 9th grade* at the time of the trip, in order to eligible apply. Please read all the instructions and fill out the application completely.

We won't accept late applications so get your application in on time.

Applications are due **Sunday, April 19th, by 1:00pm.**

I'm excited for this trip- God has great things in store!

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What is Stateside?

There are two main reasons why we do *Stateside*. First, we've designed *Stateside* to deepen students' walks with God by getting the opportunity to prepare and lead a Vacation Bible School. Over the years, we've seen tremendous spiritual growth in students as they tackle the role of teaching children about the love of God. For many, this is the first time they have shared the gospel. Many former students identify this as the trip where they grew the most spiritually. Many students experience much growth in leadership on this trip, as well.

The second purpose of *Stateside* is to bless one of our fellow Evangelical Free churches that is unable to host a Vacation Bible School themselves. It also allows Centerpoint Church to reach deeper into their communities to reach kids and families that they currently cannot.

What are our Goals?

- 1) Be a blessing to *Centerpoint Church* by assisting them in reaching their communities with the gospel.
- 2) To see continued growth and maturity in our relationship with God and others.
- 3) Gain confidence when sharing the Gospel and teaching the Bible.
- 4) Grow in leadership.
- 5) Have a ton of fun in the process!

Trip Overview

- Students will be trained and contribute in our VBS here in Fullerton (July 6th-9th)
- The team will travel to Orem, UT (Wed., July 15th – Sat, July 25th)
- We will survey 2000 area homes for the host church, *Centerpoint Church*
- Students will conduct a 4-day Vacation Bible School for and with the host church
- Students will do the teaching, leading and counseling at the VBS (including leading games, crafts, snacks, etc...)
- There will be student teams in charge of: worship, bible teaching, rec, etc.
- We will be lodging at *Centerpoint Church*
- We will be instructed how to best minister in the context of the LDS community
- Expect to work hard, sleep hard, play hard and eat well

Expectations*

- 1) Attend **each and every** training sessions, meetings, and trips, and be committed to working towards team objectives with a servant attitude.
- 2) Do all assigned reading and daily devotionals, and be committed to actively pursuing personal spiritual growth.
- 3) Be an example of Christian conduct and character by striving to live your life in a way that pleases God. Be committed to growing in and practicing leadership characteristics, while being conscious of the responsibilities and influence you have as a leader in the youth group.
- 4) Respect the authority of the **Stateside** leadership team.
- 5) Be actively involved in Sunday and Wednesday programs as well as a Sunday worship service on Main Campus each week during the summer.

*Failure to adhere to these requirements at any time may result in removal from the **Stateside** team.

Please pray carefully about your motives and intentions before turning in a **Stateside** application. These mission trips are not for everyone. If you can meet the faithfulness required and desire to serve God and others...turn one in. If, after reading the complete application, you or your parents still have further questions, call me at (541) 971-1730 or email me at jordan.swigart@fullertonfree.com.

The Team

The **Stateside** Team will consist of 30-40 high school students. We intend to take everyone who applies, however occasionally we have had to say no to students because of various behavioral concerns, medical issues, failure to meet the minimum requirements for the trip, or lack of space.

Applications are due **Sunday, April 19th by 1:00pm**. The team will be notified **by email** by Sunday, April 26th by 5pm. Students **cannot** participate on both Stateside and Ukraine.

Cost Breakdown

The cost of the entire experience of Stateside Trip will be **\$395**.
(Scholarships may be available)

This covers:

- Team T-shirt
- The Overnight Retreat in June
- Transportation
- VBS Materials
- Meals during the trip**
- Lodging
- Afternoon Excursions

**** Four travel meals are not included, so please bring some extra cash!**

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Payment Schedule:

- The initial payment of **\$195** is due by May 17th
- The second payment of **\$100** is due by July 6th
- The final payment of **\$100** is due by July 12th

****You can pay online at www.evfreefullerton.com OR
on Sundays/Wednesdays by check OR
send it to:**

**First Evangelical Free Church, 2801 N. Brea Blvd. Fullerton, CA 92835
Attn: Miriam Mohler**

About our Host Church

Centerpoint Church is an Evangelical Free church located in Orem, Utah. In the bus it is roughly a 12 hour drive from Fullerton. Below is an excerpt from their website:

CenterPoint Church began in 1945, as Provo Bible Church. It was started by a group of families who had come to Utah Valley to work at Geneva Steel. The first generation of the church faced a daunting task. Because of the unique cultural situation in Utah Valley, the church always seemed to be in transition. Not only did families move in and out but so did Pastors. The church seemed to be in a perpetual struggle to survive. In 1988, as the founding generation of the church was passing away, the church faced yet another pastoral transition. This time though there was actual consideration given to closing the doors.

God had other plans. It was at that time that the church experienced a rebirth. Pastor Scott McKinney began his ministry in 1989 with the vision to move the church from a fortress mentality to an outreach mentality. If there was a defining statement in that era, it was that "God likes to do things in places where people say it cannot be done." The church grew. Initially, the growth was from people moving into Utah Valley to take jobs with the high tech industries. To accommodate the growth there were two building projects during the 90's.

One of the things that did not change was the transient nature of the church. As the economy ebbed and flowed, many of the high tech jobs disappeared. The good news is that the people moving out of the area were replaced with new people coming to Christ. The vision was being fulfilled. Today over 50 percent of the people in the church have come out of our unique Utah religious culture. Around 2005 the church had grown to about 500 people in a place where previously there had never been a church with that kind of size and influence.

Around that time we began to ask the question- "Is this all that God has for us?" It was at this point that we launched a new vision. Part of that vision was to relocate. The desire was to go from a place where we were hard to find to a place where we were impossible to miss.

We bought 5 acres on the I15 freeway just south of University Parkway, the busiest intersection in the county. Plans for the new building were drawn up on this amazing piece of property. The church changed it's name to CenterPoint Church to reflect our vision to make Jesus the center point of our lives and to make Him known from the center point of Utah Valley.

In 2008 plans to build were put on hold. The economy had imploded. Our old building had been leased out to a private school. We were a church on wheels. We had no idea that when we began this journey we would be moving in and out of schools for the next ten years for our worship services. We moved office locations four times. These were difficult times. Yet, these years included some of the best ministry in the history of the church. During our decade of wandering, hundreds of people came to Christ and were baptized. There were thriving ministries at both BYU and Utah Valley University. Our children's and student ministries encouraged the next generation to walk with Christ.

During these years we learned some things that we probably could not have learned any other way. Even in times of great uncertainty, Jesus is a solid foundation. We learned that the church is not a building, but a body of people. We also saw God's faithfulness. After coming to a point in the year 2015 where we were ready to give up on the dream, the Lord provided a way. Doors were finally opened and we were able to build a 26,700 sf. building on our property at the center point of Utah Valley. When we began this journey our prayer was that when all was said and done, there would be no other explanation but God.

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God answered that prayer. Today we are in a building that is home to a church that is still all about seeing God do something in a place where people have said it cannot be done.

IMPORTANT DATES:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Applications available:	Wed. March 11th
<input type="checkbox"/>	Applications due:	Sun. April 19th by 1pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	Team Notification:	Thur. April 26th
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent/Team Meeting:	Sun. May 3rd (12:45 – 1:30 PM)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Payment of \$195 due:	Sun. May 17th
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stateside Retreat:	Fri & Sat June 12-June 13 (5:00 PM Friday – 10:00 AM Saturday)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Payment of \$100 due:	Sun. July 6th
<input type="checkbox"/>	VBS Work Days	June 15 & June 16th (9:00 AM – 2:00 PM*)
<input type="checkbox"/>	VBS Set up/Team Training #1	July 5th (1:00 – 5:30 PM (lunch included))
<input type="checkbox"/>	Final Payment of \$100 due:	Sun. July 12th
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fullerton V.B.S.:	July 6-9th (8:30 AM - 1:00 PM)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Team Training #2:	Tues. July 7th (1:00 – 5:00 PM (After VBS) Bring \$ for Lunch)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Team Training #3/Pack Day**	Tues. July 14** (1:00 - 5:00 PM (Luggage Dropped Off))
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finish Packing and Depart	Wed. July 15 (7:30 AM)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Return Date:	Sat. July 25 (4:00 PM)

*The ending times to these Work Days are tentative, depending on how long it takes us to finish the jobs EvFree VBS has for us. Lunch is provided.

**On Wednesday, July 15th the Stateside team will be attempting to leave the church by 8:00am, so please be sure to have all your luggage at the church the day before, July 14th at the latest by the end of our meeting at 5:00pm. (You don't have to bring your backpack or your pillow if you want it for the bus ride).

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APPLICATION

Please answer the following questions using the reverse side if necessary.
The following application will remain confidential.

Name: _____

****Email:** _____

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Parent's Email _____

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Street Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone (Home): (____) _____

Phone (Student Cell): (____) _____

Year of Graduation (circle one): 2021 2022 2023

Core Group Leader: _____

Mothers' Name _____

Fathers' Name _____

Guardians' Name(s) _____

Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL XXL

**** Email will be the primary means of contact during the summer, so please give us an address that you will check regularly throughout the summer.**

**Don't Turn in Application
without a Photo!**

Feel free to use a copy of a
Photo

1) Please give your personal testimony of your relationship with Jesus Christ.
(use backside of this paper if necessary.)

2) Explain a recent situation in which you served someone else. What was the experience like?

3) How has God been working in your life? What has God been teaching you in your life?

5) What are 3 of your weaknesses and 3 of your strengths?

4) How do you think God will use the talents and gifts He has given you on the *Stateside* trip?

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5) How long have you been attending EvFree Fullerton?

6) Please check High School and/or Worship service you faithfully attend:

Sunday morning HSM Wednesday night HSM 9:19 or 11:11 Main Service

How often do you attend? Regularly Sometimes Rarely

Do you serve somewhere at church? (i.e. tech in HSM, Kid's Church, usher/greeter, etc...)

7) Have you been involved in any main events/programs at our youth group or any other?

If so, which ones (and what year)?

Summer Servants _____ Stateside _____ Guys/Girls Retreat _____
 Winter Camp _____ V.B.S. worker _____ Summer camp _____
 Class Retreat _____ Other _____

8) Why do you want to be on *Stateside* this summer?

9) What fears do you have thinking about being on *Stateside*?

9) Have you been baptized?

Yes

No

If no, why not?

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10) It has been said that real Christianity is lived out at home. Please describe your home situation and your relationships with your parents and siblings:

11) Do you feel comfortable sharing the gospel? Yes No

12) What is the Gospel?

13) Are you comfortable working with children? Yes No

13) On a scale from 1 – 10 how excited are you to go on Stateside?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

SIGNATURE

- Have you read the Stateside Goals & Requirements? Yes No
- Do you agree to strive for these goals and to meet these requirements? Yes No
- Are you committed to providing necessary funds for this team? Yes No
- Are you committed to attending each and every meeting this summer? Yes No
- Have you answered all of the above questions honestly? Yes No.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS?:

CORE GROUP LEADER REFERENCE FORM: STATESIDE

Applicant's Name _____ **Date** _____

Name of Reference _____ **Phone** _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____ **How well?** _____

The person named above has applied to join our *Stateside* program of the High School Ministries at EvFree Fullerton. We seek mature young people who will be an asset to their team. Therefore, we ask your honest appraisal of the applicant in answering the following questions. Please rate the applicant in the areas listed below according to the following scale. A (5) is representative of a strength and (1) as a weakness. If you have no knowledge circle D. Thank you.

	<u>WEAKNESS</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>UNSURE</u>	
1) Manages time well	1	2	3	4 5 D
2) Perseveres to fulfill commitments	1	2	3	4 5 D
3) Works to do best possible job	1	2	3	4 5 D
4) Follows directions	1	2	3	4 5 D
5) Is an initiator	1	2	3	4 5 D
6) Is teachable	1	2	3	4 5 D
7) Listens well	1	2	3	4 5 D
8) Responds well to authority	1	2	3	4 5 D
9) Handles conflict constructively	1	2	3	4 5 D
10) Relates appropriately to opposite sex	1	2	3	4 5 D
11) Cooperates with others	1	2	3	4 5 D
12) Willing to assist others in need	1	2	3	4 5 D
13) Handles direction and correction	1	2	3	4 5 D
14) Is open to new ways of doing things	1	2	3	4 5 D
15) Is flexible	1	2	3	4 5 D
16) Has a positive and realistic attitude	1	2	3	4 5 D
17) Perseveres under adverse conditions	1	2	3	4 5 D
18) Respects others	1	2	3	4 5 D
19) Respects property of others	1	2	3	4 5 D
20) Spends time and money wisely	1	2	3	4 5 D
21) Communicates openly and honestly	1	2	3	4 5 D

Would you recommend this applicant? Why or Why not??

Are you are aware of anything that would cause you to hesitate in recommending this person?

Signature

Date

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