

## APPLICATION PROCESS FOR STUDENT MISSIONARIES (SMs)

1. Applicant completes an AFM application, “Application to Serve”, and mails to the address listed on the back of the application or completes and sends it from the web. (Students from NAD SDA colleges should take a copy of their applications to the school’s SM office. They will send us copies of your application, references, an approval letter, and any other information we should have. Go to step 4.)
  2. Your application is reviewed.
  3. Applicant evaluation forms are mailed to the reference names indicated on your application.
  4. Your references are reviewed.
  5. A phone interview of about one hour is arranged with you. If all is well...
  6. We wait to receive the approval letter from NAD SDA schools. If you are not in such a school, ...
  7. You receive, sign, and return the commitment form along with a \$50 non-refundable deposit which applies to your total fundraising amount.
  8. You take the personality tests mailed to you and return them to the counselor who then sends us a report. Note: AFM takes very seriously the need to carefully screen its applicants. You may be asked very personal, probing questions. Please answer honestly and openly so that unresolved problems of the past or present will not cause you, the missionary, or AFM serious difficulties.
  9. If everything looks good, we take your name to the Missionary Personnel Committee for a decision on acceptance and tentative placement.
  10. AFM approval letters are sent to you, your school (if applicable), your career missionary family, the project supervisor, and your family.
  11. The handbook and fundraising materials are sent to you. Note: SMs **must** read the handbook before training. Any questions should be directed to the Assistant to the Personnel Director. Fundraising materials include business reply envelopes for donations, magazines, and a video of the project (if available) or another AFM video.
  12. SMs **must** have at least \$1500 in donations recorded at AFM by June 1, to allow ample planning time before the 3- to 4-week summer training session which goes from mid-July to mid-August each year.
  13. SMs **must** have at least \$4200 in **total** donations before leaving to join the mission project.
  14. You complete the required immunizations for your country of destination.
  15. You fill out and return to the AFM Personnel office secretary required visa forms.
- Finally, you attend the 4-week summer training session (mid-July to mid-Aug.) required for SMs.