

What is the Volunteer Impact Fund (VIF)?

The Volunteer Impact Fund (VIF) is designed to support volunteers who need financial assistance in order to participate with a Faith In Practice mission trip. The goal of the VIF is to remove financial barriers for volunteers who feel called to serve in Guatemala.

What volunteer-related costs does sponsorship through the VIF cover?

VIF Sponsorship covers a portion of the trip fee. VIF funds cannot be used for application fees, flight costs, or other mission travel-related costs.

Is sponsorship guaranteed if I apply?

Sponsorship is not guaranteed, however any volunteer serving on a mission trip with Faith In Practice who has a financial barrier to participation is strongly encouraged to review the application criteria and consider applying for funds.

How do I apply?

Talk with your team leader first so they are aware and can complete and submit their Leadership Recommendation form. Set up your Share The Mission fundraising page. Submit your completed Volunteer Request form to teams@faithinpractice.org at least 45 days before the start of your mission trip.

Where can I find the sponsorship application forms?

VIF sponsorship application forms can be accessed through our website [Sponsorship Resources](#). If you have already been added to a mission team, forms can be downloaded from the Links section of your [Volunteer Portal](#).

How are VIF sponsorships awarded?

The Sponsorship Committee evaluates applications based on the following criteria: Volunteer role and mission team need, volunteer financial need, volunteer application essays, team leader recommendation, timeliness of application, and availability of funds. Repeat sponsorship applications are also evaluated based on past Share The Mission participation, and completion of post-trip report from prior sponsorship.

How much can I request?

Volunteers may apply for up to \$1,000 per mission trip. Volunteers seeking sponsorship for an amount exceeding \$1,000 per mission trip should discuss this with their mission team leader. Volunteers can complete the sponsorship application process for multiple mission trips in a mission season.

What am I required to do if I receive sponsorship through the VIF?

You must pay the remaining trip fee balance prior to your mission trip, participate in Share The Mission fundraising program, and submit a Post-Trip Report within 45 days of returning from your mission trip.