



St. Francis Healthcare Foundation Physicians Medical Mission Endowment

BACKGROUND

The St. Francis Physicians Medical Mission Endowment was created in 2004 in recognition of individuals wishing to use their healthcare skills to assist some of the world's neediest people -- the poor, the disabled and the aged -- through local and international medical outreach. The Physicians Medical Mission Endowment philosophically supports a ministry which not only restores and preserves health, but also nurtures and comforts patients and their loved ones with compassion, providing medical, emotional and spiritual care.

Through earned income from contributions to the endowment, grants are awarded to healthcare professionals affiliated with St. Francis Hospital & Health Centers. The financial assistance may be used for travel, medicines and supplies, and related expenses. The number and frequency of grants will depend on the financial activity of the endowment, in accordance with the endowment's gift agreement.

GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY:

- Healthcare professionals affiliated with St. Francis Hospital & Health Centers will be eligible to receive grants of up to \$2,000 per applicant.
- Applicants may be requested to distribute the funding to other individuals, at the discretion of the Physicians Medical Mission Committee.
- Applicants are expected to demonstrate some level of personal financing toward their mission commitment.
- Individuals who receive grants will be ineligible to apply the following year in order to allow the Physicians Medical Mission Committee to maximize the distribution of funding.
- Grants requests for funding of mission trips that are scheduled to initiate prior to the completion of the review process may, in extra-ordinary circumstances, be considered but are generally discouraged.

APPLICATION:

- Applicants should allow themselves enough time to pre-plan their travel.
- Applications will be reviewed by a committee (Physician Medical Mission Committee), which may include physicians and non-physicians, with awards announced by the end of May and November.
- Checks will be made payable to the individual(s) who submitted the application.
- In the event that travel plans must be cancelled, *applicants must return funding to the extent that pre-paid costs are not nonrefundable or nontransferable.*

EVALUATION:

- A post-event summary is required to be submitted to the Foundation within 60 days of the mission work.
- Written reports and photos are encouraged in order to document the mission work, as well as to share among funding and/or volunteer audiences.

DEADLINES

- Applications will be considered two times per year, as announced by the Foundation.
- Application forms must be completed and submitted in accordance with the advertised deadlines of May 1 and November 1. *The committee will meet the second Wednesday after each application deadline.*
- All applicants will be notified in writing regarding their status.

INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING:

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