

2012—2013 GUIDELINES FOR WINGO MISSION FUNDS

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS PROJECTS

GBA Volunteers and churches participating in an official project of the International Mission Board are eligible for travel assistance from the Wingo Fund account. Scholarships from this account primarily seek to encourage and help GBA volunteers (ages 15 and older or a student who has completed 9th grade) to participate in a 'first time' mission trip. The following guidelines apply for use of Wingo Funds:

- 1) Funds are designed to assist volunteers who participate in an official IMB trip/project. First time **international** mission volunteers are eligible for a scholarship of **\$350**.
- 2) Volunteers who have previously participated in an official IMB project/trip are eligible for a **\$250** scholarship once per associational calendar year, if it is an IMB project/trip.
- 3) Churches may request a multiple scholarship for volunteer team members of the same church once in the calendar year.
 - A multiple scholarship is designated when a group of volunteers from a single church are participating in the same project/trip.
 - A multiple scholarship amount will be limited to **\$1,750** for the project/trip.
 - Only one multiple scholarship can be granted to a single church in the calendar year.
 - Additional scholarships may be awarded to **other** individuals of a church that has received a multiple scholarship (under existing guideline) up to \$1,000 over and above the multiple scholarship.
 - Scholarship requests that exceed the **\$2,750** limit for a church may be considered by the mission team.
 - It is encouraged that first time volunteers be distributed their full **\$350** scholarship from this amount, if possible.
- 4) Volunteers (first time or otherwise) not participating in a multiple scholarship project/trip with their church are still eligible for an individual scholarship once during the association calendar year.
- 5) Volunteers requesting funds must complete an application which is available at the GBA office or by e- mail.
- 6) Wingo funds will be disbursed as early as possible with adequate notice prior to the date of the project/trip. Special considerations may be submitted to GBA.
- 7) Any special requests/needs for funds not addressed in these guidelines may be addressed to the necessary channel of the Mission Team.

DISASTER RELIEF PROJECTS

- 1) International disaster relief projects will qualify for travel assistance for GBA volunteers as listed above. However, for International Disaster Relief Projects, the minimum amount from this fund shall be \$500 for any volunteer from GBA, regardless of the number of trips/projects the volunteer may have participated in.
- 2) Matching funds from the local church is encouraged.
- 3) The maximum total contribution to volunteers from a single church for any specific project/trip travel assistance is \$2,000.
- 4) USA disaster relief projects qualify for gasoline reimbursement for volunteers from GBA going to a disaster point as called upon by the GBA or TBC.
- 5) An allocation of up to \$1,000 may be given to any area where a disaster has occurred. The gift and amount is to be determined by the Mission Team of the association.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS PROJECTS

GBA Volunteers and churches participating in an official project of the Gibson Baptist Association, the Tennessee Baptist Convention, or the North American Mission Board are eligible for travel assistance from the Wingo Fund account. Scholarships from this account primarily seek to encourage and help GBA volunteers (ages 13 and older or a student who has completed 7th grade) to participate in a 'first time' mission trip. The following guidelines apply for use of Wingo Funds:

- 1) Funds are designed to assist volunteers who participate in an official GBA, TBC, Brick Team, OR NAMB trip/project more than 200 miles round trip from the Gibson Baptist Association Office or out of state. First time North American mission volunteers are eligible for a scholarship of \$100.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS PROJECTS

- 2) Volunteers who have previously participated in an official North American Mission project/trip are eligible for a \$75 scholarship once per associational calendar year, if it is a North American Mission project/trip.
- 3) Churches may request a multiple scholarship for volunteer team members of the same church once in the calendar year.
 - A multiple scholarship is designated when a group of volunteers from a single church are participating in the same project/trip.
 - A multiple scholarship amount will be limited to \$1,000 for the project/trip.
 - Only one multiple scholarship can be granted to a single church in the calendar year.
 - Additional scholarships may be awarded to other individuals of a church that has received a multiple scholarship (under existing guideline) up to \$375 over and above the multiple scholarship.
 - Scholarship requests that exceed the \$1,375 limit for a church may be considered by the mission team.
 - It is encouraged that first time volunteers be distributed their full \$100 scholarship from this amount, if possible.
- 4) Volunteers (first time or otherwise) not participating in a multiple scholarship project/trip with their church are still eligible for an individual scholarship once during the association calendar year.
- 5) Volunteers requesting funds must complete an application which is available at the GBA office or by e- mail.
- 6) Wingo funds will be disbursed as early as possible with adequate notice prior to the date of the project/trip. Special considerations may be submitted to GBA.
- 7) Any special requests/needs for funds not addressed in these guidelines may be addressed to the necessary channel of the Mission Team.

I have read the above guidelines concerning the Wingo Offering.

Name

Date