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Dear Applicant:

Greetings from the UPCI Youth Ministries!

We appreciate the interest you have shown in the *Next Steps Scholarship Program* sponsored by Move the Mission.

In 2019 the UPCI Youth Ministries will offer 8 Next Steps scholarships in the amount of \$1,500.00. Individuals desiring to participate in a 2019 trip should apply for the scholarship by the **February 1st** deadline.

Attached to this letter you will find scholarship guidelines. Detailed information is given in the accompanying guidelines regarding all of the required forms. **It is your responsibility** to see that your complete application, the respective references from your pastor, school, and/or employer, are submitted online **no later than February 1st**. The reference forms **must** be submitted by the pastor, school representative, and/or employer.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email us at the UPCI Youth Ministries.

Sincerely,

UPCI Youth Ministries

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Next Steps Scholarship Policy Guidelines:

I. Eligibility:

Students desiring to attend a Next Steps trip may apply for a *Move the Mission* scholarship if they are pre-qualified as a trip participant. It is important that the Next Steps application form is approved prior to beginning the scholarship application process.

A student must have attended an Apostolic Youth Corps (AYC) or district sponsored mission trip prior to applying for the scholarship.

Since the scholarship is funded by *Move the Mission* offerings derived from United Pentecostal Churches of the United States and Canada, applicants must also be citizens of these countries and active members of United Pentecostal Churches.

II. Scholarships

The UPCI Youth Ministries will offer 8 Next Steps scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each.

III. Application Process:

A. The application deadline for all scholarships is February 1st. All application materials must be **submitted online on February 1st**.

B. Reference forms are to be sent to all applicable persons by the applicant. Applicant should make clear to the individual the importance of the February 1st deadline. For an application to be considered, at least two references must be submitted: a pastoral reference and either a scholastic or employer reference.

IV. Grading Process:

Applications will be graded by the Move the Mission Scholarship committee. This committee consists of five to seven members of the UPCI Youth Ministries Committee. Each year their selections will be presented for final approval by the Executive and/or General Board of the UPCI and Global Missions. Upon that final approval, the applicants will be notified by mail of their winning status.

V. Distribution Process:

Scholarship monies will be paid directly to the Next Steps program prior to the trip departure date. The applicant must submit all payments minus the scholarship amount before the scholarship payment will be made to Global Missions.

Scholarships are awarded on a yearly basis. To apply for a renewal of support, the entire application process must be repeated for each year in which the student hopes to benefit from a scholarship.