

SCSC and Stained Glass (SG) Student Application Guidelines

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Purpose

Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC) and Stained Glass (SG) bring together Seventh Day Baptist young people who desire to dedicate their summer as Servant-Leaders in service to the Lord. Students come together for on-site intensive training to be:

- Enriched in their relationship with Jesus Christ
- Equipped with skills needed for their assigned project as well as future servant-leadership.
- Continually encouraged in their spiritual growth and leadership throughout life.

Is SCSC/SG for me?

- SCSC is a program of intensive training which prepares mature young adults to be Servant-Leaders in service to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- As Servant -Leaders, we expect students to avoid any illegal activities, such as use of illegal drugs, etc.
- Spiritual and emotional maturity is essential because of the demands and responsibilities which will be placed on you during your project.
- You will be stretched to learn and grow for a lifetime of leadership. We realize this makes the program more challenging. We pray the result is that it is also more rewarding.

SCSC Training seeks

- to prepare you for a summer of ministry
- to train and develop you for a lifetime of Christian Service and Leadership by focusing on the following areas:
 - Leadership, Spiritual Development, Theology, Christian Education and Evangelism.

Due to limited time at the on-Site Training, students are required to:

- complete **Pre-Training Assignments**
 - Students will respond to what they have read in written specific Pre-Training Assignments due by specific dates. (You may return those assignments at any time prior to the due date.) ***Almost daily access to the internet is needed as most communication is done through Facebook and e-mail.***
 - Demonstrate commitment to the SCSC/SG program
- ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENTS REQUIRE:**
- ***Fundraising*** both for the SCSC or Stained Glass organizations.
 - ***Dedicated Service Hours***
 - First time SCSC or Stained Glass students (Rookies) are required to do ten hours at a home church or a church related group.
 - Returning students (Vets) must document 20 hours of service in a church or church related group.
 - Students will be required to use the form to record their hours. It can be downloaded from the website sdbwomen.org/SCSC.
 - **Evaluation Assignments**

During the On-Site Training and Project, students will be called on many times to speak before both large and small groups; sharing testimonies, leading singing, teaching, giving children's messages, and witnessing. SCSC and Stained Glass have helped many young people over the years to mature spiritually, emotionally and in leadership skills.

This programming is NOT designed to help troubled young people work out problems, but rather to train responsible mature young adults in Servant-Leadership.

The Women's Board will pay for and arrange transportation, within the USA and Canada, to:

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1. The On-Site Training
2. The Host Church Project, and
3. Evaluation on the campus of the SDB General Conference.

The Student Applicant is financially responsible for:

- **Personal expenses during transportation and project**
- **The cost of Youth or Young Adult Pre-Con**
- **The cost of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference Room & Board, plus Registration fees** ** unless this week is part of the project
- **Transportation back to his/her home (STAINED GLASS APPLICANTS PLEASE NOTE THAT AN ADDITIONAL WEEK OF TOUR MAY BE SCHEDULED FOLLOWING THE WEEK OF GENERAL CONFERENCE).**

Scholarship: The SCSC committee has the discretion to recommend students, who successfully complete the program and meet all the requirements, receive a scholarship applicable to college or university available from the Memorial Fund based on years of service to SCSC.

Some Things You Should Know

- Students are expected to dress and conduct themselves in a manner acceptable to the church in which they are serving. The goal is to allow Christ to shine and be glorified
- SCSC/SG are ministry experiences which are demanding physically, emotionally and spiritually with long hours of service
- **Pre-training Assignments** will be required during 2nd semester of the school year
- Fundraising and Dedicated Service hours to a church organization will be assigned during the spring of the year
- On-site training sessions are long and intensive preparing you for 40-50 hour weeks of serving on project
 - You must be in good **physical health** to handle the rigors of training and the project
- Students must be prepared to respond with **Christian spiritual maturity**
 - The **emotional and mental demands** of the program will require you to rely on God
- Daily devotions/Bible study and Prayer prior to and during the project is essential for continued spiritual strength

SCSC or Stained Glass is not a relaxing summer. It is not a vacation. A difficult challenge is sacrificing personal “rights” to advance ministry. Seventh Day Baptists proclaim freedom of belief and conduct under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. However, when we serve others, we may need to give up some personal freedom for the sake of serving Christ’s church. This programming seeks to move beyond what is permissible to focus on that which is beneficial and constructive to the project and the host church.

Benefits

SCSC and Stained Glass provides an environment in which the Lord is able to produce maturity and growth in the lives of Seventh Day Baptist young adults. The results should last a lifetime. Students spend a summer in ministry and develop skills for future Servant-Leadership, Denominational Leadership and lifetime dividends.

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This programming trains students for ministry opportunities such as:

- Sharing personal testimonies and evangelism
- Teaching at camp, VBS, or Sabbath School, presenting children's messages, youth work
- Leading crafts, recreation, campfires, singing and vespers
- Community Outreach and/or Service
- Worship, Bible Study and Devotional Life
- Overall leadership skills
- Communication & interpersonal relations
- Sharing and growing in musical talents

SCSC/SG Qualifications and Requirements...applicant must:

- (SCSC) Be a high school graduate, at least 18 years old by first day of Training
- (SG) Have had a year of college or be at least 19 years old by first day of Training
- Have a saving relationship with Jesus Christ
- Be baptized and a member of a Seventh Day Baptist Church.
- Be able to share your personal testimony
- Carry valid health insurance or be willing to secure short term insurance for yourself at your expense
- Raise \$500.00 minimum for SCSC or \$1,100 minimum for SG by May 24th
- Complete and submit **Pre-Training Assignments** by their respective deadlines
- Attend **ALL** of the on-site Training session
- Complete project assigned
- Attend Pre-Con and the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference **at your own expense***
 - *Unless the SDB General Conference is part of your project
- Refrain from using alcohol, tobacco products, and illegal drugs for at least 6 months prior to training and through the entire project
- Maintain appropriate dress with clean, modest clothing
- Maintain a modest hairstyle; natural colors are preferred
- Willing to remove/cover body piercing/tattoos that may be considered inappropriate
- Maintain good personal hygiene
- Get adequate rest/sleep; in general, a 12:00 am curfew will be followed
- Refrain from any **exclusive relationships** during on-site Training & Project
- Complete Evaluation **Assignments**
- Return to home church with an exit testimony and plans for continued service

The applicant should also be willing to unselfishly serve in any project to which he/she is assigned and work cooperatively. You should also be willing to serve under authority of others.

The Project/Host Church's Role for SCSC

The host church plans a project to minister in their community. They select a spiritually mature Project Director to supervise the project as well as make sure that basic physical and spiritual needs of their SCSC student team are met.

The church provides ongoing training in a hands-on setting throughout the project. The host church also nurtures and encourages the SCSC team in their ministry experiences. In turn, the church benefits from the training, talents, enthusiasm and servant-leadership of the SCSC team.

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Sponsorship, Organization and Administration

The Women's Board of Officers and Chairs of the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society of the SDB General Conference of USA and Canada are the sponsors of SCSC and Stained Glass.

The Women's Society Board of Officers:

- Sets a slate of nominees on which the General Conference votes yearly for the chair and members of the SCSC Committee.
- The Women's Board is kept up to date with details and decisions made by the SCSC Committee
- Makes decisions that guide and support the SCSC Committee

The SCSC committee:

- Sets policy for training, teams, and projects
- Appoints a Training Director, approved by the Women's Board
- Collects the applications for both students and projects
- Prayerfully make assignments of students to projects
- Works closely with the Training Director in making decisions and collecting the student's Pre-Training assignments, including the required Fundraising, completion of Application items required, and
- Dedicated Service Hours
- Monitors and supports Project Directors, Projects and students prayerfully and carefully
- Arranges for Evaluation Interviews with both the students and the Project Directors
- Provides transportation, coordination and support for the On-Site Training, Projects and Evaluation
- Recommends students who have successfully completed the program to receive scholarships from the SDB Memorial Fund
- Makes decisions as to reductions in scholarships or removal from the program for those students who do not meet multiple requirements and/or deadlines

The Training Director

- Gathers a Training Staff, approved by the SCSC Committee.
- Sets the On-Site Training schedule
- Directs the On-Site Training
- Monitors and supports Project Directors, Projects and students prayerfully and carefully

SCSC Committee Chairperson: Linda Lawton

SCSC Committee Members: Janet Butler, Marian van Dalen-Anderson, Peggy Chroniger, Miriam Berg

Stained Glass Committee: Marian van Dalen-Anderson (Chair)

SCSC/Stained Glass Training Director: Jane Mackintosh

❖ Note: Stained Glass Committee is a Sub-Committee of the SCSC Committee