

# SCSC PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPLICATION GUIDELINES

## Purpose Of SCSC

Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC) brings 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 in order 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.

Following training, students travel to their on-site project for hands-on application of leadership skills.

## SCSC 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.

### The Women's Society Board of Officers:

- Sets a slate of nominees on which the Women's Society votes yearly. Committee Chairs are chosen and serve on the board of officers
- The Women's Board is kept up to date with details and decisions made by the SCSC Committee
- Makes decisions that help 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 makes assignments of students to their projects
- Works closely with the Training Director in making decisions and collecting student 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 paperwork and interviews with 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 leadership development grants from the SDB Memorial Fund
- Makes decisions as to possible 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

## 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 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.

## Is SCSC 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 exemplify behavior that is above reproach, including refraining from participation in any type of illegal activities.
- 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.

## What ministry activities and training are part of SCSC?

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 has helped many young people over the years to mature spiritually, emotionally and in leadership skills. The following gives examples of ministry activities and skills developed in SCSC:

- 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

## What types of projects are available for SCSC students?

Churches may have projects in any focus area or a combination of areas. Project applications drive the types of SCSC experiences available each year.

- Missions Focus: We continue to partner with the Missionary Society to offer an international mission focus which is available only to veterans as it takes previous SCSC experiences and applies them to a different cultural setting. It also has a heavier pre-training workload as a mission course of study is required to help facilitate working in an international setting.
- Worship Leading Focus: Projects will have an emphasis on developing gifts in worship leading through music in a church, within an association, or in a community setting. It is designed to help SDB churches by training worship leaders.
- Christian Education/Community Outreach/Evangelism Focus: There are many creative ways that churches are reaching out and witnessing to their communities. These include activities like serving in soup kitchens, street

evangelism, fair booths, concerts in the park, backyard VBS, Christian camping etc. Making connections in the community will be the primary focus of these projects.

## **SCSC Training Purpose:**

- Prepares young adult leaders for a summer of ministry
- Trains and develops young leaders for a lifetime of Christian service and leadership by focusing on the following areas: leadership, spiritual development, theology, apologetics, Christian Education and evangelism.

## **STUDENTS are required to:**

### **● Complete Pre-Training Assignments**

**Access to reliable internet is required**, as some training and much communication is done through online programs such as Zoom, Google, Facebook, WhatsApp, email or other platforms.

- 0 Attend three pre-training Zoom sessions
- 0 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.)

### **● Fundraise for the SCSC organization**

- 0 Raise \$1,500.00 minimum for the SCSC team goal by the end of May (if a virtual format is used, because of COVID or other disaster, the amount of money to raise will be adjusted.)
- 0 Funds are used to help with student transportation and training expenses.

### **● Perform Volunteer Service Hours, complete the service form and turn it in when arriving at training or before.**

- 0 First time SCSC students (Rookies) are required to document **10** hours of service in a home church or at a church-related group.
- 0 Returning students (Veterans) must document **20** hours of service in a church or church-related group.

### **● Complete Evaluation Assignments**

## **SCSC Qualifications and Requirements**

### **Applicant must:**

- Be a high school graduate, at least 18 years old by the first day of On-Site 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
- **Have valid health insurance, be willing to secure short term insurance for yourself at your expense, or agree to take personal responsibility for any medical costs that may incur during your service. Conference insurance is ONLY applied as a secondary policy—it pays only after your policy.**
- Complete fundraising
- Complete volunteer service hours to a church or affiliated organization: worship leader, choir, AWANA, etc.
- Participate in the 3 **pre-training ZOOM meetings** when arranged by the Training Director.

- Complete and submit written **Pre-Training Assignments** by their respective deadlines
    - will be required during 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the school year, after you have been accepted.
  - Attend **ALL** of the On-Site Training session (rare exception would be approved by the Director and SCSC Committee on a case-by-case basis)
  - Complete the entire assigned project successfully
  - Attend Evaluation and Complete Evaluation assignments
  - Attend Seventh Day Baptist General Conference **at your own expense**.
- \*\*Unless the SDB General Conference is part of your project or the Women's Board makes other arrangements.
- Return home, **at your own expense**, with an exit testimony and plans for continued service (You'll complete these at evaluation).

### Some Things SCSC Students Should Know for Ministry Preparation:

- SCSC students glorify Christ in their lives and serve Him as they grow and develop leadership skills.
- SCSC is a ministry experience which is demanding physically, emotionally and spiritually with long hours of service. On-Site Training sessions are long and intensive, preparing you for 40-50 hour weeks of serving while 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 for strength and wisdom
- Daily devotions/Bible study and prayer prior to and during the project is essential for continued spiritual strength.
- Students are expected to serve under the authority of others. They should serve:
  - unselfishly in any project to which they are assigned.
  - work cooperatively with partners and host project members and supervisors
- This program is NOT designed to help troubled young people work out problems, but rather to train responsible mature young adults in servant-leadership—for a lifetime.
- SCSC is not a relaxing summer or travel vacation—(but there will be fun, travel, new cultures, etc.)

### Preparation and Personal Rights:

- It is a difficult challenge to sacrifice personal “rights” to advance ministry. Seventh Day Baptists proclaim freedom of belief and conduct under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. However, when serving others, it may be necessary to give up some personal freedom for the sake of serving Christ's church.
- The SCSC program seeks to move beyond what is permissible to focus on that which is beneficial and constructive to the SCSC Team, Project and the Host Church.
- Students will conduct themselves in a manner acceptable to the church in which they are serving.

### Students will:

- Refrain from using alcohol, tobacco products, marijuana, or any illegal drugs, following acceptance into the SCSC program and throughout the entire project.
- Maintain appropriate hygiene.
- Maintain modesty in appearance including demeanor, clothing, and hairstyle.
- Be willing to remove/cover body piercing/tattoos that may interfere with ministry in the assigned local church/camp/project.
- Get adequate rest/sleep; in general, a 11:00 p.m. curfew will be followed.

- Refrain from developing any exclusive relationships during On-Site Training & Project.
  - This includes with partner, SCSC members, on-site friends, etc.
  - This does not mean breaking up an already developed relationship at home.
  - It does mean the relationship will not interfere with ministry throughout project.

**BENEFITS OF SCSC SERVICE:**

SCSC provides an environment in which the Lord is able to produce maturity and growth in the lives of Seventh Day Baptist young adults. The prayer is that SCSC Students who spend a summer in ministry continue to develop lifetime skills as servant leaders in their local churches, the denomination, their careers, and wherever God calls them to serve.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

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

1. The On-Site Training
2. The Host Church Project
3. Evaluation on the campus of the SDB General Conference or other nearby site.

**The Student Applicant is financially responsible for the following:·**

- **Personal expenses during transportation and project.**
- **The cost of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference Room & Board, plus Registration fees**  
 \* unless this week is part of the project/or other arrangements by the Women’s Board (Unless other arrangements are made by the SCSC Committee/Women’s Board)
- **Arranging for Transportation at student’s expense back to his/her home following Conference**

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

- The SCSC committee has the discretion to recommend those students who successfully complete the SCSC program and meet all the requirements for leadership grants.
- As per Memorial Board requirements and US tax requirements for leadership training, the Leadership Development Grants are only available for students who are members of a church of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference of USA and Canada Limited.
- Grants apply to UNDERGRADUATE accredited trade-school, college, or university expenses.
- Students must be enrolled in and attend an accredited school within the United States and Canada for funds to be disbursed
- OR grants may be deferred for future use.
- The spiritual leadership development grants are disbursed from the SDB Memorial Fund. Grant amounts are based on years of service to SCSC.

1<sup>st</sup> year \$3000  
 3<sup>rd</sup> year \$4000

2<sup>nd</sup> year \$5000  
 4<sup>th</sup> year and thereafter, \$6000