

# MDS Service Scholarship Application Form



This application form is for students applying for the MDS Service Scholarship. Students are required to meet the same criteria as all MDS Long-Term and Leadership Volunteers as listed below.

Student application forms are due by January 31. Interviews will take place following the application deadline. Students will be notified whether they are accepted by mid-March.

## **Volunteer Criteria**

1. Must be Christians and active participants in a church or other faith based community.
2. Must be at least 19 years old.
3. If volunteers are not Canadian/US citizens, they are responsible to ensure that they have proper visas to volunteer in Canada or the U.S. MDS does not provide assistance with visas.
4. Volunteers are responsible for their own medical/travel insurance.
5. Volunteers must also agree to acknowledge, respect and live by the MDS Core Values and Shared Convictions while serving with MDS.

## **Core Values**

**Faith in Action** – we believe in and practice a life of service and proclamation founded on the Bible and modeled after the life and teaching of Jesus Christ.

**Caring Relationships** – we engage all disaster survivors, volunteers and partners with mutual respect, humility and accountability.

**Working Together** – we intentionally work with one another inside and outside of MDS and with partner organizations.

## **Shared Convictions**

MDS Canada grows out of an Anabaptist/Mennonite perspective of peace, justice and service. We believe in following Christ daily in life through service to others. We accept and support the Mennonite World Conference state of [Shared Convictions](#).

### **MDS Canada Mission & Vision**

**Vision:** *To be the hands and feet of Jesus to those affected by disasters.*

**Mission:** *We respond to disasters, rebuild homes, and restore hope by organizing and empowering volunteers in the U.S. and Canada.*

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth** (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

**Gender:**            Male            Female

**Citizenship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Health or Dietary restrictions:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Student at**

Canadian Mennonite University

Columbia Bible College

Steinbach Bible College

## **Emergency Contact Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Church Information**

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please include a summary of your faith journey.**

**Please briefly describe any recent employment or volunteer experience that you have.**

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What program are you in at school and why?

Why do you want to serve with MDS?

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**Please rate yourself on the following skills.**

**1:** I have no experience. **2:** I have limited experience and would need supervision. **3:** I am experienced and could perform this skill without supervision. **4:** I could demonstrate, instruct and supervise unskilled volunteers in this area.

Accounting/Bookkeeping ____	Administration ____	Cabinets/Countertops ____
Carpentry ____	Construction ____	Cooking ____
Drywall Finishing ____	Drywall Hanging ____	Electrical ____
Finish Carpentry ____	Flooring ____	Framing ____
General Home Repair ____	Managing People ____	Masonry ____
Painting ____	Plumbing ____	Roofing ____

Do you have a valid driver's license? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Students participating in this program serve on MDS projects by assisting on the construction sites or by assisting in running the volunteer camp through office management or cooking. Please provide a brief explanation of your experiences in the above skills that would make you a good candidate for serving with MDS in one or multiple of those areas.

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## MDS Volunteers agree to:

1. Nurture your relationship with God while on assignment through participation in daily group devotionals and Sunday church attendance.
2. Serve at least 40-45 hours/week.
3. Use safety equipment on job sites.
4. Refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, cannabis and illegal substances while serving with MDS.
5. Respect people from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds, both in the communities where MDS serves and among the diverse MDS constituents.
6. Respect the authority of the MDS Project Director. Inform the Project Director of plans to take trips during scheduled time off.
7. Abide by MDS dress code while on MDS projects. Dress code can be found in the Volunteer Guide.

## MDS Provides:

1. MDS will cover travel expenses to and from the project. (Plane ticket or gas and hotel reimbursement)
2. Accommodation and meals will be provided while on project.
3. Tools and safety equipment will be provided on site.

**Media Awareness Statement:** *Many volunteers like to take photos at project sites to share on social media. While MDS supports and even encourages sharing positive pictures of your volunteer experience, it is important for volunteers to respect the wishes and preferences of others. Please ask for permission of others in the photo before you take the picture and also ask for permission before you share. If you do post and share, please include the hashtag of #MDSResponds.*

**Privacy Statement:** *MDS requires the above information to process your volunteer application. Your information will be distributed to and used by MDS staff and project leaders for the stated purpose and statistical records. Your application will be kept on file for five years after you serve unless you request otherwise. If you have not served for three years then you will be asked to complete a new application. (Scholarship students must complete a new application every time they apply for the scholarship.) MDS may conduct a background check and contact references.*

**Statement of Agreement:** *By completing this form I understand that I would be a volunteer and not an employee of MDS. I understand that I will not receive financial compensation for the service performed and that I am not eligible for any MDS benefits including but not limited to workers compensation and unemployment compensation. MDS does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial assistance for medical, health or liability for any injury that may arise out of my activities with MDS. I acknowledge that the activities with MDS may be hazardous and entail risks of injury, illness, death and property damage. I agree to release and hold MDS, together with its employees, agents, directors, volunteers and board harmless from any claims or demands which may arise out of my activities with MDS. I further release and hold harmless any property owner whose property I am on as part of my activities with MDS. The information on this application is accurate and complete and I consent to the release, use and storage of this information as outlined above.*

I understand the requirements of an MDS volunteer and commit to observing the expectations as outlined while on assignment with MDS. I also affirm the MDS Core Values and Shared Convictions.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_