



Sacred Heart International Summer Service Project

The Society of the Sacred Heart is a group of nearly 3500 women religious serving in over 500 communities in 45 countries. Our mission is to discover, live and announce God's love through the service of education, in diverse works, particularly addressing the needs of children, young people, women and those in society who are marginalized.

The Society of the Sacred Heart has been connecting people internationally for over 200 years and now through the *Sacred Heart International Service Project* we seek to bring together an international group of young people who are committed to social change through action. In this, its first year, we will draw participants from Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico and the United States to engage in service, reflection and cultural exchange through work with children and young people in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. The service experience will be further strengthened by reflection and information sessions covering a wide range of topics. Participants will live with host families known by local Religious of the Sacred Heart (RSCJs).

Applicants should submit one copy of each of the following to Sr. Imma De Stefanis, RSCJ: Application form, emergency form, and two references. All materials are contained here. For more detailed information regarding costs, housing, etc. please contact Sr. De Stefanis directly at **idestefanis@rscj.org** or call 914-323-5238 (day).

July 9 – 29, 2007

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Application form

2 Reference forms (in sealed envelopes)

Emergency form

Non-refundable deposit (\$100.00/check made payable to Religious of the Sacred Heart)

Mail all in one envelope to: Imma De Stefanis, RSCJ
Manhattanville College
2900 Purchase Street
Purchase, NY 10577

Please e-mail questions to: idestefanis@rscj.org

DESCRIPTION OF COSTS**

EXPENSES	U.S. DOLLARS
Taxis & local transportation	85.00
Food	50.00
Families' support	50.00
Program materials	25.00
Miscellaneous	40.00
TOTAL EXPENSES *	\$250.00

***These are estimated costs & DO NOT include airfare to and from San Luis Potosí or personal spending.*

**Application DUE:
9 April 2007**

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APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Female Male

E-mail: _____ Telephone: _____

Mailing address: _____

Spanish proficiency: I studied _____ years of high school Spanish
I studied _____ semesters of college Spanish
I am from a Spanish-speaking country: _____
I have spent time in a Spanish-speaking country: _____ (years) _____ (months)
In Spanish I can get by I am proficient I am fluent

Travel abroad: (check all that apply)

_____ I studied abroad in (country) _____ in (year) _____

_____ I have participated in another service project abroad (indicate where, for how long & what you did)

_____ I have traveled extensively on my own and/or with family (please specify)

_____ I have lived in another country (specify place & years)

References: List the names of your references below

1. From a service context: _____ (REQUIRED)

2. Instructor, advisor, employer: _____ (REQUIRED)

3. A Religious of the Sacred Heart _____ (OPTIONAL)

1. List all your volunteer service activities in the last 2-3 years beginning with the *most recent*:

Project Name	Institution/Organization	Activity/Service	Dates (from –to)

2. Describe any formal or informal leadership roles you have assumed. Include information about the context and length of time you assumed this role.

3. Why would you like to participate in the Sacred Heart International Service Project? What do you bring & what do you hope to get from the experience?

4. With which group do you see yourself working best? (check all that apply)

Young children

Teenagers

College-age people

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REFERENCE FORM

(From a SERVICE CONTEXT)

Name of applicant: _____

Name of reference: _____

E-mail: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

TO THE REFERENCE: We would appreciate your opinion of the applicant’s capacity to live and work as part of an international group engaged in a two-week service project in Mexico. Using the chart below and the space provided, please provide as much information as possible about the applicant in comparison to his/her peers.

Please check the appropriate box for each of the personal characteristics.

	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor	Lack of information
Motivation						
Leadership ability						
Level of maturity						
Openness to ideas or ways of doing things different from his/her own						
Self-awareness						
Dependability						
Ability to work with different types of people (e.g., race, age, class, culture)						
Initiative						
Sensitivity to others						
Maintains composure in stressful situations						
Reflective						
Commitment to social change through service						
Proficiency in conversational Spanish						

Please use the back of this page to provide any additional information that would help us to better know this applicant & how well she/he would work in a total immersion service project as part of an international group of young people.

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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Name: _____

Passport Information:

Country: _____ Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Contact Information:

In case of emergency, please contact:

Name (#1): _____ Relationship: _____

Daytime tel.: _____ Evening tel.: _____

Cell: _____

Name (#2): _____ Relationship: _____

Daytime tel.: _____ Evening tel.: _____

Cell: _____

Medical Information:

Blood type: _____

I am allergic to the following medications:

I am taking the following medications:

I am allergic to the following foods:

Is there any additional medical information that the staff should know about?

My insurance carrier has certified to me that the following policy that is currently in force will cover me while I am abroad:

Name of company: _____

Address: _____

Policy No. _____

Valid through (date): _____

I further understand that I am responsible for providing my coverage for health, accident, medical and hospital in the event that I should need any services while I am abroad.

Name: _____

Program: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

ALL PARTICIPANTS **MUST** BE INSURED. IF YOU DO NOT CURRENTLY HAVE INSURANCE THAT WILL COVER MEDICAL-RELATED EXPENSES IN MEXICO YOU **MUST** PURCHASE A COVERAGE PLAN. THIS IS FOR YOUR PROTECTION!

International Student Exchange (ISE) ID cards are one option. The *ISE* ID card is an internationally recognized identification & discount card available to students, youth between the ages of 12 & 26 years & faculty. Cards cost approximately \$25.00 (U.S.). Please call 800.368.7878 (North America) or visit their website at <http://www.isecard.com/isecard/about.html> for more information or to order your card.