



Dear Applicant,

We are encouraged by your interest in partnering with Wheaton Bible Church in missionary service. We know that the exploration and candidacy processes bring all of us to God's throne as we pray and depend on His guidance. That is very true for us—for the body of Christ at Wheaton Bible Church and for you.

Wheaton Bible Church is pleased to consider applicants who are well-qualified, have a strong tie to this church and pursue ministry in alignment with our strategic priorities and values.

Our current WBC criteria for missionary status are based on these four dimensions:

1. **Calling** – Candidate must be able to clearly articulate God's call to a particular ministry for which he/she is well-suited.
2. **Character** – Candidate must demonstrate consistent godly character and have exhibited a Christ-like maturity verified through close observation and through references.
3. **Community** – Candidate must have been active at WBC for at least five years (or in the case of a non-U.S. national (who has not attended WBC), must have been in close relationship to a WBC missionary for at least five years). *Strong preference* will be given to candidates *currently attending* WBC, and *past attendees* (who meet the five-year requirement) will probably be considered for a one-time grant only, not for ongoing support. Being a founding church of the Greater Chicago Missions Consortium (GCMC), we also often accept an annual candidate initiated by one of the GCMC member churches.
4. **Competency** – Candidate must demonstrate ability, giftedness and some experience to fulfill his/her call into ministry such as educational preparation, gift assessment and/or proven cross-cultural experience and effectiveness.

We also evaluate the type of ministry a candidate is pursuing—assessing how strategically it fits into global mission priorities and WBC's Global Outreach goals and values.

Here is the six-step application process for becoming a WBC missionary. The applicant for long term (three years or more) or mid-term (six months to three years) missionary status should work through the process in this order:

1. Meet with a Global Outreach staff member.
2. Apply for and enter the one to two year Missionary Preparation Program.
3. Apply to and be accepted by an approved mission agency (ECFA member).
4. Submit completed WBC Missionary Application and references (<http://wheatonbible.churchsites.com/mission-global-outreach-applications.asp>).
5. Be interviewed by WBC Personnel Team.





6. Receive approval of Global Executive Team (for both mid- and long term missionary applicants) and Elder Board (for long term applicants only) for WBC missionary status or for a one-time grant.

Before submitting your WBC Missionary Application, you must already be accepted by an approved mission agency. You may be working on your applications simultaneously, but the agency acceptance must come before the Personnel Team receives your application.

We know that finding your support team is very important in the whole process of getting to the mission field. You can count on us praying with you as to whether WBC will be among your partnering churches.

Blessings on you as you apply,

The Global Outreach Team

