



H.O.P.E.

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16 September 2013

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for expressing interest in the Domestic H.O.P.E. Service Immersion Program over Winter, Spring & Summer Break. You will form community with other students; learn about another culture, history and issues of social justice; and continue to pursue justice after your return. This year Campus Ministry is sponsoring thirteen domestic experiences for members of the Stonehill community. H.O.P.E. trips prove to be one of the more significant experiences of a student's Stonehill College career. We travel to these places with the hope of discovering a new sense of community, which crosses the many borders of race, culture, land, and language.

Because of the nature of the experience, we ask that you think seriously about the commitment you will be making, and that you accept the responsibilities that it demands. Several things will be expected of you, including (1) being present at weekly orientation sessions that will be held on **Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 pm**; (2) actively participating in fundraising events (letter writing, bake sales, group fundraisers, etc.); (3) while on-site, fully participating in the service project(s) and the reflection sessions; and (4) participating in the 're-entry' program.

Our Mission: Inspired by the enduring values of a Holy Cross education, and believing that learning is enhanced when it takes place in the context of a compelling situation, H.O.P.E. (**H**onoring our neighbors, **O**rganizing for justice, **P**racticing peace, and **E**ncountering God) seeks to engage members of the Stonehill community in cross-cultural service experiences. H.O.P.E. further endeavors to challenge the Stonehill community to grow in love of God and neighbor by embodying the Church's commitment to a preferential option for and with the poor.

Talk it Over with Friends & Family: Your decision to participate in this type of experience should not be made in isolation. We encourage you to speak with friends and family about your decision prior to applying for the program. Their reflections and concerns could be helpful in clarifying your own thoughts about particular areas and/or practical concerns.

Application & Selection Process: Please complete the application, and return it to Campus Ministry by **Friday, October 4th by 3:00 pm**. Interviews will also be required and will take place from **October 7th-18th** in Campus Ministry. This program is highly competitive, so you must thoroughly express your commitment through the application and interview. If selected, you will be notified on **Friday, October 25th** asked to confirm participation by **Friday, November 1st** by submitting all forms and first payment.

Health Concerns: (a) On the application, please inform us of any medical history/current conditions, which we should be aware of on this trip. (b) Health insurance is required of anyone who will make any of the trips. If you are on the Stonehill College Plan, you are covered out of state. If you are on your family's plan, you may not be covered for medical emergencies out of state; in that case would need to purchase an insurance rider. Please consult your family on this matter. Again, to participate in any trip, you must be covered by medical insurance.

For all travel, it is suggested that you receive a flu vaccination prior to departure as we desire to keep the vulnerable populations we serve healthy.

Any questions regarding the application process please direct to MaryAnne Cappelleri, *Campus Minister for Service Immersion Programming* at mcappelleri@stonehill.edu or 508.565.1487.

Payment & Fundraising: You are responsible for payment & fundraising towards administrative cost of the program. All deposits of \$200 (*for most trips*) must be paid by **November 1st**. H.O.P.E. Domestic received a large grant from the Flatley Foundation to assist in the costs of domestic program. Because of this generous grant, we are able to price domestic trips at a much lower rate. All those flying have an added cost due to the airfare but it will still only be a portion of the total cost. The total cost of the trip will vary per site. A payment schedule will be given to you after acceptance, but airfare payment must be made by Friday, December 6th at 3:00 p.m. **Students must raise or pay their cost in full, in order to be able to go on the trip.**

We recognize that financial hardship could prohibit some students from applying and participating in the program. We have the opportunity to provide *some* need-based scholarships to reduce your obligations to the program. Please see MaryAnne Cappelleri in Campus Ministry for more information after you receive acceptance.

Selection: We are delighted by the strong interest in these trips. The selection process is always difficult, and we will not be able to place all applicants on the trip. The selection committee will be fair and choose groups that will facilitate a good experience at each site. If you are placed on a trip, a non-refundable deposit of \$200 is due Friday, November 1st.

Important Dates:

- Friday, October 4th: Applications Due
- Monday, October 7th – Friday, October 18th: Interviews
- Friday, October 25th: Decisions Sent
- Friday, November 1st: Return Acceptance from Applicants & Forms & Deposit of \$200 Due
- November 6th: Participant Orientation from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Friday, December 6th: Payment for Flight Due

If you have any questions about the International H.O.P.E. Service Immersion Program or application process, please feel free to contact MaryAnne Cappelleri at mcappelleri@stonehill.edu or ext. 1487. We thank you for your interest and pray that this time of discernment will be blessed with the presence of God's Spirit.

With Peace,

MaryAnne Cappelleri, MA
Campus Minister for Service Immersion Programming



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Please Use Full Name on License:

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Citizenship: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Address: _____ Home Phone Number: _____

Stonehill Email: _____ Major/Minor: _____

Gender Identity: _____ Have you ever applied for H.O.P.E. and been waitlisted: Yes No

Please rank order each justice area:

Winter Break, January 4-11, 2014

- ____ Urban Poverty: Romero Center, Camden, NJ
- ____ Indigenous Peoples: Northern New Mexico
- ____ Immigration/Home Repair: Coachella Valley, CA (*not confirmed just yet*)

Spring Break, March 8-15, 2014

- ____ Hunger & Homelessness: Andre House, AZ or St. Andre Chapel, Oregon
- ____ Hurricane Relief Work: St. Bernard Project, LA or Staten Island, NY
- ____ Sustainability/Environmental Awareness: Agape Community, MA or Appalachian Institute, WV
- ____ Women, Children, Education: Mercy Center, Bronx, NY
- ____ Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities: L'Arche, Syracuse, NY
- ____ Home Repair & Construction: Sunset Gap, TN or Christian Appalachian Project, KY

Summer Break, May 19-26, 2014

- ____ Immigration/Home Repair: Coachella Valley, CA (*not confirmed just yet*)

If we were to offer a senior student teacher trip in February, would you be interested? Yes No

Please briefly explain your experience and background in the following areas in list format.

1) Community Service Involvement

- 2) Campus Involvement
- 3) Learning about social and economic development issues:
- 4) Experience with people different than you:
- 5) Study abroad or similar short-term travel, including prior H.O.P.E. Trips:
- 6) Sharing about spirituality and reflection with others/religious involvement:

Part 2: Please complete

- 1) Please explain your interest in the top 2 justice areas you chose. What do you know about the issues and why do you want to learn more?
- 2) Why are you applying for this program? What are your hopes?
- 3) What strengths do you bring to the H.O.P.E. Program? Give some examples from other groups you have been a part.
- 4) Describe an experience in your life that has been especially powerful or formative.
- 5) Having read the Four Components (attached to the application), What is attractive to you about H.O.P.E.? What is most unsettling/uncertain to you? How do you expect to be challenged by participating in H.O.P.E.?
- 6) Is there anything else you would the H.O.P.E. Program to know?

In case of an emergency, please contact:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Medical and/or dietary concerns (allergies, medications, etc.) -

Check List:

- Front Page Bio Information
- Part I Short Answers
- Part II Essays

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