

**Senior Missionary Service:
Missionaries and Service Missionaries**
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	Missionaries	Service Missionaries
Responsible Department	Missionary Department Senior Missionary Services	Human Resources Department Service Missionary Office
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Recommended by:	Bishop and Stake President	Bishop and Stake President
Who can serve:	Couples or single sisters	Single sisters, single brothers or couples
Called by:	President of the Church	Service Missionary Office / Stake President
Assigned by:	Quorum of the Twelve	Service Mission Office / Stake President
Set Apart by:	Stake President	Stake President or counselor
Ecclesiastical Leader:	Mission, Area, Site or Temple President	Stake President
Operational Leader:	Church department or operation, can be Mission, Area or Temple President	Church operational representative, often an employee
Recommendation Form:	www.churchofjesuschrist.org/mss	https://seniormissionary.churchofjesuschrist.org/sr/site/cs/search Enter 8-digit position number in search bar, select the desired position title, then hit “submit” to access recommendation form
First step:	Members review available options on the senior missionary website found @ seniormissionary.churchofjesuschrist.org . Members are encouraged to first consider away from home service.	Members review available options on the senior missionary website found @ seniormissionary.churchofjesuschrist.org . There are many service missionary options available for those who cannot serve away from home. Those considering service missionary opportunities should first consider positions assigned to their stake.
Second step:	Missionary candidates identify their preferences, availability and any constraints and submit to their bishop	Missionary candidates identify their preferences, availability and any constraints. They meet with the operation to review the potential fit and then submit their application to their bishop
Third step:	Bishop and Stake President review their recommendation; missionary candidate completes health and medical forms, including a physician visit Once all documents are in order, recommendation is submitted to Church Headquarters	Bishop and Stake President review their recommendation and once completed, submit to Church Headquarters
Processing time:	Typically 3-5 weeks once HQ has received the recommendation, contingent upon health, funding, insurance, preferences, openings and needs	Typically 1-3 weeks
Medical and Dental	Yes	No

exams needed?		
Medical Insurance required?	Often with domestic assignments, nearly always with international assignments. Insurance costs roughly \$300 per month per missionary.	No
Service duration	6,12,18 or 23 months. May extend if desired. No 6 month assignments for sisters	6-24 months (depending on operational needs), may extend multiple times with ecclesiastical and operational approval
Hours per week	40 + hours a week	Minimum of 8 hours per week, no maximum
Age Terms of service	Minimum of 40 years old for a married couple with no dependent children at home Senior sisters 55 or older Single men cannot currently serve as full-time missionaries	Minimum age is 26, no maximum age. Members under the age of 26 may serve if they have already served a teaching or service mission, or if the young service missionary program is not available in their area. Men or women may serve as service missionaries, whether single, divorced or married (their spouse does not need to serve with them)
Location of missionary service:	If the couple lives in the US, away from home service is preferred, particularly to assignments with a critical label In Utah, live-at-home MLS service opportunities exist. These should not be viewed as mandatory or required positions for stakes to fill	Service missionaries live at home (a few RV missions are the only exception) and serve either from their home or close by.
MTC training	Yes, all missionaries except those assigned to temples attend the MTC . This is currently referred to as Preach My Gospel training.	Service missionaries do not attend the MTC.
Operational training	Missionaries typically receive 2-5 days of additional training from their assigned department. This often occurs at the MTC during the 2 nd week missionaries are there.	Departments provide training to service missionaries either at the assigned facility or over the internet. Depending on the assignment, this training can last days or weeks.
Travel arranged and paid by:	Church Travel pays for travel (to the MTC, to the mission field, and home) for senior missionaries serving away from home but in their own country for 6,12,18 or 23 months. Travel arranges and pays for missionary assignments outside of their home country for 18 or 23 months.	Service missionaries typically are not compensated for any travel expenses; nor is their travel arranged by the Travel department.
Visa obtained by:	Missionary Travel (2-5111) will help full-time missionaries apply for passports and visas when serving outside of their country	Not applicable
Handbook policy:	Church Handbook of Instructions: Book 1, section 4	Church Handbook of Instructions: Book 1, section 4.12
Housing arrangements	Mission presidents arrange for housing Currently, there is a \$1400 housing cap in place for missionaries	Service missionaries are not provided any housing arrangements or compensation

	Senior sister missionaries do not receive this same housing cap benefit	
Other expenses	<p>Missionaries pay a transportation expense if they did not bring their car to their mission.</p> <p>Missionaries pay for incidental expenses (food, clothing, etc) if they are serving away from home. The combined expense (housing, transportation, personal expense and insurance) is reflected on the website.</p>	No additional expenses