

Senior Service Missionary Process

STEP	WHO	WHAT
STAGE ONE: FINDING AN OPPORTUNITY		
SMW		
	<i>Objective:</i> Start application for recommendation to serve a mission.	
A	Missionary Candidate	Chooses missionary “opportunity” and finds (or is given) an opportunity number and starts the application. [See page 2.]
B	Missionary Candidate	Fills out and submits application online.
STAGE TWO: MISSIONARY RECOMMENDATION SYSTEM (MRS)		
MRS		
	<i>Objective:</i> Priesthood approval of a member’s recommendation to serve as a missionary	
C	Bishop	Bishop’s checklist includes worthiness interview; Bishop submits recommendation approval in MRS.
D	Stake President	Stake President’s checklist includes worthiness interview; Stake President submits recommendation approval in MRS.
STAGE THREE: SERVICE MISSIONARY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (SMMS)		
SMMS		
	<i>Objective:</i> Approve member’s assignment as a Senior Service Missionary	
E	Operation Manager	The manager of the Church operation interviews the candidate to assure that the opportunity applied for is appropriate for the missionary. If so, the Operation Manager approves the assignment in SMMS.
F	Stake President	The ecclesiastical approval of the assignment is given by the Stake President or a delegated representative in SMMS.
G	Stake President or his Counselor	The missionary is (1) formally called, (2) set apart as a Senior Service, and (3) given a call letter (which is downloaded from SMMS, printed, and then signed by the Stake President).
H	Operation Manager	Trains and Manages the Missionary

GETTING AN “OPPORTUNITY NUMBER”

For a Senior Service Missionary, an “opportunity” is a position with a Church operation, such as a Bishops’ Storehouse, Deseret Industries, a FamilySearch Center or other FamilySearch operation, a Temple office, a mission office, an Employment Resource Center, etc.¹ There are several good ways to find a position and to get an opportunity number for that position:

- The best way to find the right position or opportunity for you is to work with a Senior Missionary Coordinator or a Stake Senior Missionary Specialist. For a list of Stake Missionary Coordinators (SMCs) in the North America Southwest Area, point your web browser to <https://seniormission.org/smc-nasw/>. Contact the SMCs in your vicinity to get things started.
- Another good way is to get an opportunity number from the manager of one of the Church’s operations that use Senior Service Missionaries.
- A do-it-yourself method is to search for a position on <https://seniormissionary.churchofjesuschrist.org>, which is the Church’s office Senior Missionary Website. See <https://seniormission.org/>² for an overview of senior missionary opportunities and for tips on using that website. Once you find an opportunity on the Senior Missionary Website, you can use the “submit” button to start the application for a recommendation to serve a mission.

¹ An opportunity number is needed only for a stay-at-home Senior Service Mission; an away-from-home, full-time Senior Mission does not have an opportunity number.

² The seniormission.org site is not an official website of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.