

# RESOURCE PROVIDER MEMBERSHIP

## U.S. Standards of Excellence in Short-Term Mission (SOE)



We are honored to have you consider joining us in promoting excellence in short-term missions.

**Resource Providers** are organizations that provide products and support services of particular benefit to STM sending organizations.

There are many organizations that support and provide key services to the churches, schools, agencies and ministries that send out groups and individuals on short-term mission outreaches.

Each desires the best experience possible for the groups and individuals, and an equally beneficial result for the host receivers and senders.

How does an organization qualify to be a recognized STM Resource Provider with the Standards of Excellence in Short-Term Missions?

- It understands, supports, embraces and promotes the principles contained in the Seven Standards of Excellence in Short-Term Mission (see page 3 for a list of the Standards).
- It is committed to encourage excellence in short-term missions.
- It completes an annual report about how its products and/or services foster excellence in STMs.
- It pays an annual fee to help support the SOE best practice movement.
- It refers to the Standards and uses the SOE logo in its marketing to encourage others to commit themselves to excellence in their STMs.

If your organization is willing to support the above, we would love to have you apply, and once approved, join with us as we work shoulder to shoulder to lift the level of quality in short-term missions. Attached is an application form to allow us to process your request.

If you have questions in the process, feel free to call or email our office at 1.855.JOIN.SOE, or email us at [admin@soe.org](mailto:admin@soe.org).

# SOE RESOURCE PROVIDER APPLICATION

Please complete the application on this page and submit to the SOE. Once your organization is reviewed and approved by the SOE National Steering Committee, we will require payment for an annual resource provider membership by check or credit card. The current annual membership fee and mechanism for submitting payment is located on page 4 of this document.

Name of organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Main Contact person \_\_\_\_\_

Main Contact's email \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**To help us better understand how your organization serves the STM community, please answer the following questions (attach additional pages as needed).**

1. During the past calendar year, how has your organization assisted individuals and teams going on short-term missions?
2. During the past calendar year, how has your organization assisted entities who send STM-ers and teams?
3. During the past calendar year, how has your organization assisted entities who host or receive STM-ers and teams?
4. What causes you to want to be a member of the Standards of Excellence?

Email completed application to: [admin@soe.org](mailto:admin@soe.org) or Fax to: 623.551.9571

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# **OVERVIEW: The Seven U.S. Standards of Excellence in Short-Term Mission**

## **1. GOD-CENTEREDNESS**

An excellent short-term mission seeks first God's glory and his kingdom, and is expressed through our:

- Purpose — Centering on God's glory and his ends throughout our entire STM process
- Lives — Sound biblical doctrine, persistent prayer, and godliness in all our thoughts, words, and deeds
- Methods — Wise, biblical, and culturally-appropriate methods which bear spiritual fruit

## **2. EMPOWERING PARTNERSHIPS**

An excellent short-term mission establishes healthy, interdependent, on-going relationships between sending and receiving partners, and is expressed by:

- Primary focus on intended receptors
- Plans which benefit all participants
- Mutual trust and accountability

## **3. MUTUAL DESIGN**

An excellent short-term mission collaboratively plans each specific outreach for the benefit of all participants, and is expressed by:

- On-field methods and activities aligned to long-term strategies of the partnership
- Goer-guests' ability to implement their part of the plan
- Host receivers' ability to implement their part of the plan

## **4. COMPREHENSIVE ADMINISTRATION**

An excellent short-term mission exhibits integrity through reliable set-up and thorough administration for all participants, and is expressed by:

- Truthfulness in promotion, finances, and reporting results
- Appropriate risk management
- Quality program delivery and support logistics

## **5. QUALIFIED LEADERSHIP**

An excellent short-term mission screens, trains, and develops capable leadership for all participants, and is expressed by:

- Character — Spiritually mature servant leadership
- Skills — Prepared, competent, organized, and accountable leadership
- Values — Empowering and equipping leadership

## **6. APPROPRIATE TRAINING**

An excellent short-term mission prepares and equips all participants for the mutually designed outreach, and is expressed by:

- Biblical, appropriate, and timely training
- On-going training and equipping (pre-field, on-field, post-field)
- Qualified trainers

## **7. THOROUGH FOLLOW-UP**

An excellent short-term mission assures debriefing and appropriate follow-up for all participants, and is expressed by:

- Comprehensive debriefing (pre-field, on-field, post-field)
- On-field re-entry preparation
- Post-field follow-up and evaluation

# RESOURCE PROVIDER FEE SCHEDULE AND PAYMENTS

The current annual membership fee for SOE Resource Providers is: **\$350.00**

MAIL CHECKS TO:

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CREDIT CARD INFO: can be faxed to secure fax at: 623-551-9571

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