



Lourdes Mission Trip Sponsorship Guide

Tell me more!

1. Pray through this whole process! If Mary wants you there, she'll get you there!
2. We will track your sponsorship as it comes in. Please contact our office at any time to check your progress.
3. Pray for all who make your service possible. "Bring" them to Lourdes with you by offering a day of service for them or hand-delivering their intentions to Our Lady!
4. If you surpass your goal, North American Lourdes Volunteers cannot give you the overage once it has been received. However, it can help sponsor another student in financial need at the discretion of North American Lourdes Volunteers.
5. If you are unable to join the pilgrimage, the funds will be used to sponsor another student in financial need.
6. All pilgrimage costs must be paid in full by the payment deadline.



What do I tell my sponsors?



We are a tax-exempt 501(c)3 charity. Any funds donated to Lourdes Volunteers for your volunteer service are tax deductible according to IRS guidelines. We will send a receipt and thank you letter to each person who makes a sponsorship donation to help you serve at Lourdes.

**Sponsors can pay online using the pay here button on our website:
www.lourdesvolunteers/FUS/**

Mail checks to: Lourdes Volunteers, 107 Michaels Ave, Syracuse, NY 13208 USA. Checks must have your name in the memo line or a note indicating your name to be accounted for properly.

What can I do?

1. Get the word out! Ask parents, siblings, friends, and relatives to share that you are in need of sponsorship to do holy work!
2. Utilize the internet and social media!
3. Write a sincere and personal appeal letter explaining your story and why you choose to serve in Lourdes.
4. Ask your parish priest for permission to request donations, to speak at Masses and for referrals of possible sponsors.
5. Appeal to charitable organizations: Knights of Columbus, the Holy Name Society, Altar Rosary Society.
6. Have a job? Contact your employer! They may match funds or provide funding for volunteer work.
7. Got skills? Sell a simple craft, shovel snowy driveways, babysit...be creative!



Remember to ask Our Lady for guidance. Pray!