



10 Day Mission Trip to Lourdes, France 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 help 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.



What do I tell my sponsors?

1. Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 charity. Any funds donated to Lourdes Volunteers for your volunteer service are tax deductible for the donor according to IRS guidelines. We send a receipt and thank you letter to each person who makes a sponsorship donation.
2. Checks must be made payable to **LOURDES VOLUNTEERS** and have your name in the memo line so that it is added to your sponsorship total.
3. Sponsors can also pay on our website's "Donate" page, please leave traveler's name in the comment section.

What can I do?

1. Remember to ask Our Lady for guidance. Pray!
2. Get the word out! Ask parents, siblings, significant other, and relatives to let their coworkers know you are in need of sponsorship.
3. Ask your parish priest for permission to request donations or speak at Masses.
4. Utilize the internet and social media! Pages like GoFundMe have been very successful.
5. Write a sincere and personal appeal letter explaining your story and why you choose to serve in Lourdes. Many have been successful with this personal approach.
6. Appeal to charitable organizations: Knights of Columbus, the Holy Name Society, Altar Rosary Society.

