

SPEND A SUMMER IN SOUTH AFRICA

Next  *Step*

Next Step have the opportunity to:

- Work closely with full-time missionaries
- Assist in the planning and facilitation of team logistics
- Engage in personal ministry to nationals through relationship evangelism
- Disciple children in an after-school program
- Work on the mission base
- Build relationships with mission team members, nationals, and Thrive Africa staff and interns
- Experience personal and spiritual growth

Next Step is Thrive Africa's short-term missions opportunity. This program is designed to give young adults hands-on experience in discipling to nationals and facilitating outreach teams in South Africa. The Next Step Program is targeted at young people with prior missions experience who desire to go to the next level and see the other side of mission team hosting.

Application Steps

1 Send us your completed application form one of the following ways:

Fax it to:
630-982-0420

Email to:
nextstep@thriveafrica.org

Mail to:
Thrive Africa
P.O. Box 96
Wading River, NY 11792

Slower application processing

2 Pay application fee

Pay only \$20 (save \$5) when you pay online at www.thriveafrica.org. You can also mail in your \$25 application fee to: Thrive Africa, P.O. Box 96, Wading River, NY 11792. Checks must be made out to Thrive Africa and have your name and “Next Step” written on the memo line of your check. Application fees are non-refundable.

3 Submit a photo of yourself

Please email it to nextstep@thriveafrica.org

4 Have 3 reference forms filled out and returned to us

Reference forms can be downloaded from the “Apply” page of the Next Step section at www.thriveafrica.org. You are required to have three reference forms completed by your youth pastor, teacher, employer, and/or other person in leadership. Make copies of the form to give out. Make copies of the form to give out to your references and have them fax the form back to us upon completion.

That’s it! Once you have completed the steps above, you will be notified that your application is being reviewed. If you have any questions about your status or the Next Step program, email us at nextstep@thriveafrica.org.

Next Step Application

To be completed and faxed to (630) 982-0420

If question are not applicable please mark 'N/A'

Personal Information

Full Name: Male: Female:

Mailing Address:

City / State / Zip:

Home Phone: Cell Phone: Email:

Social Security: Date of Birth: Age:

Height: Weight: Marital Status:

How did you hear about Thrive Africa?

Do you have a passport: If yes, list passport number:

T-Shirt Size: Fleece Size:

What is your closest airport? List any and all you can fly out of:

Family Information

Father \ Guardians Full Name: Phone:

Address:

Mother \ Guardians Full Name: Phone:

Address:

Education

Highest year of education completed:

Post-High School Institution	Dates Attended	Degrees Obtained

Employment Information

Present Occupation:

Company / Organization:

Date Hired: Contact / Phone:

Experience Summary

Please list any cross-cultural mission experience you have had:

Organization	Country	Dates
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List other formal ministry experience you have had. Include organization, responsibility, and dates:

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List any leadership positions you have held, including organization, responsibility, and dates:

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Do you enjoy working with children?

Have you ever led or assisted with children's church?

If yes, describe your roles:

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Have you ever lead worship? Please explain:

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Instruments you play:

Church Information

Home church name, address, phone:

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Senior Pastor: Youth Pastor:

How long have you attended?

Describe your involvement:

Health Information

Are you currently being treated for any sickness or injury? Yes No

Are you allergic to any medications? Yes No

Do you have any other allergies? Yes No

Have you ever had an eating disorder? Yes No

Are you required to be on a special diet? Yes No

Do you ever sleep walk or have sleeping problems? Yes No

Do you get nervous or upset easily? Yes No

Have you ever had psychiatric care? Yes No

Have you ever been treated for depression? Yes No

Do you have any physical disabilities that would keep you from participating in normal or rigorous activities? Yes No

Do you have or have you ever had a seizure disorder? Yes No

Do you have or have you ever had asthma or other breathing problems? Yes No

Do you have or have you ever had a heart murmur? Yes No

Do you have or have you ever had a kidney disease? Yes No

Do you have or have you ever had diabetes? Yes No

If you answered yes to any of the questions on the previous page, or if you have been diagnosed or treated for any mental or psychological illness or disorder, please give an explanation below.

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Are you currently on any medication? Yes No If yes, please explain:

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Do you have any other medical problems or conditions that we should be aware of?

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Self Evaluation

On a scale of 1-10, 10 being the highest, please evaluate yourself in the following areas:

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| Relating to new people | Finishing what you start |
| Problem solving | Submission to leaders |
| Organization/planning | Public/group speaking |
| Confronting | Listening |
| Leadership | Encouraging |
| Receiving correction | Trying new things |
| One-on-one ministry | Taking charge/giving directives |

Describe three strengths (not necessarily from the list above).

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Describe three weaknesses (not necessarily from the above list).

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How would you define leadership?

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How do you deal with stressful situations?

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What skills do you have that you feel will be an asset as a participant in the Next Step Program?
Please list and explain.

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When did you decide to follow Christ?

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Do you have regular Bible study/devotion time? If so, please describe.

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Have you been involved in any of the following within the past year?

- Tobacco Yes No
- Alcohol Yes No
- Illegal drugs Yes No
- Gang-related activities..... Yes No
- A cult or the occult Yes No

If yes (to any), please explain:

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- Have you ever: Been expelled from school? Yes No
- Served time in a detention center or jail? Yes No
- Been convicted of a crime? Yes No
- Been involved in homosexuality? Yes No
- Been the victim of a violent crime or abuse? Yes No

On a separate typed (or neatly written) sheet, write an essay including the following information:

- How and when did you become a Christian? Describe how your life has changed.
- Please write a brief overview of your personal history (where you grew up, childhood experiences, and how these affect your life now).
- Explain how and why you feel God is calling you to be a part of the Thrive Africa Next Step.
- Explain how you believe the Next Step will benefit you and your walk with God, your goals for the Next Step, and how you feel you will benefit the staff.

My signature (and the signature of my parent or legal guardian if I am under 18) signifies that the information I have given Thrive Africa is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date