

FAQs

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES DOES CEI PROVIDE? CEI offers two types of teams: Sports Ministry Teams and Trauma Teams. Both types of teams are focused on REACHING THE UNREACHED. Here are some examples of what you would experience on one of these teams:

- experiencing international competition
- developing softball worldwide through clinics
- growing in your personal relationship in Jesus Christ
- helping children heal from trauma through play
- helping individuals affected by trauma learn how to share their story
- learning how to share your faith
- sharing the good news with those who never or rarely have heard the Name of Jesus
- serving workers around the world

GENERALLY SPEAKING, WHAT CAN TEAM MEMBERS EXPECT? Each international team will have a leadership team that has been equipped and trained prior to your specific trip. Before traveling internationally, team members will meet for 2-6 days at Training Camp where they will prepare spiritually, culturally, and for the needs of their specific team. Training camp will also include times of bible study, worship, prayer, cultural training, and athletic practices if you are on one of our Sports Teams. You will be trained in how to share the Gospel as well as share your personal testimony.

HOW ARE TEAM MEMBERS SELECTED? Team members are selected through an application process, and acceptance is based on the applicant's: 1) personal relationship with the Lord, 2) recommendations from references, and 3) their athletic/coaching experience if applying for a Sports Team.

HOW ARE THESE SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS PAID FOR? WHAT IS/IS NOT COVERED IN THE SUPPORT GOAL?

Each CEI team member has the opportunity to trust the Lord to raise one's portion of the team's expenses. Costs differ according to the team's destination and duration of the trip, and support goals for each team member can be found in Managed Missions.

While a team member has the option to pay for their portion of the teams expenses out of their own pocket, our experience has been that the majority of team members choose to raise their support through donations. Once accepted, team members are provided information and materials to help raise their support. CEI has established support deadlines for each team member, and all contributions are tax-deductible.

Your support goal covers team expenses such as international travel, transportation, food, lodging, discipleship materials and secondary medical insurance are covered. In addition to the support goal, each team member is responsible for transportation to/from Training Camp, passport, visas, and any recommended vaccinations/immunizations. These additional expenses can be reimbursed up to the amount the team member raises above their portion of the team's support goal.

WHAT IF I RAISE MORE THAN MY SUPPORT GOAL? WHAT HAPPENS TO THIS MONEY? That which one raises over and above the support goal can be used to reimburse any expenses incurred to go on this trip (ie: passport, postage for support letters, transportation to and from training camp, immunizations, visas, etc). If you still have money left in your CEI scholarship account after taking a reimbursement, you can either give it to a teammate who may be short of their goal or you can leave it in this account and use it within two years for another short-term mission trip with CEI.

WHO DOES THE FOLLOW-UP OF THOSE WHO HAVE RESPONDED TO THE GOSPEL? CEI works with local churches, missionaries and Nationals who help with the set-up and follow-up of the short-term mission trip. As the team departs the city or country, CEI leaves the contact information with the pastors, missionaries and/or Nationals who help the new believers grow in their relationship with God and get them connected with the local body of believers.

WHAT IF MY PARENTS HAVE CONCERNS?

Here are a few things to address with your parents to help them be more comfortable with your decision to participate with CEI:

- **Safety**
We cannot guarantee safety for anyone anywhere. What we can guarantee is that CEI staff will not send teams into a known unsafe situation. We will change locations or cancel the team before compromising someone's safety in known circumstances.
- **Supervision**
There are multiple leaders on each team that will provide adequate supervision and guidance throughout the trip.
- **Living conditions**
CEI's staff will have the logistics and details worked out for your international flights, housing, meals, transportation, etc. Prior to traveling overseas, you will be given information to leave with your parents/main contact person.
- **Additional Questions**
If either of your PARENTS have concerns and/or questions please have them email CEI@ceisports.org to start a dialogue with one of our staff members.
- **What if my parents say "No!"?**
We encourage you to read the following article: [When God Says "GO," but Family Says "No!"](#)

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO HEAR BACK ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You will be notified of the staff's decision once all your references have been received and CEI's staff has reviewed your application. This can take anywhere from 1-3 weeks, pending on the quickness in response of your references. If accepted for one of our teams, CEI will notify you of your acceptance as well as next steps.

WHAT IF I AM UNSURE ABOUT MY AVAILABILITY? You can still apply and let us know at a later date.

SPORTS MINISTRY TEAMS

AS AN ATHLETE, CAN I APPLY IF I AM IN HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE OR OUT OF COLLEGE?

High School - In compliance with NCAA rules, CEI will consider high school seniors for an international team. **NCAA COMPLIANCE:** In order to comply with NCAA rules and regulations, high school athletes cannot participate on the same team as an NCAA (Division I, II or III) coach. The key to complying is whether or not the coach is coaching at an NCAA school, NOT the level (Juco, NAIA or NCAA) at which the athlete plans to compete. Therefore, opportunities with CEI for high school athletes are determined by the status of the coach on each CEI team.

College and Post-Collegiate - Any athlete at a variety of collegiate levels can apply. Post-collegiate athletes are also welcome to apply.

WHY SPORTS MINISTRY?

“Sports” has been called an international language. As we see the impact of the Olympics and other international competition, we see the great influence of sports in many cultures. The following are a few reasons why serving through sports is a great way to reach the nations:

- Sports provide opens doors in countries closed to the Gospel where traditional missionary efforts are not allowed or effective.
- Sports is a universal language—it’s amazing how sports allow us to communicate in spite of language barriers.
- Sports ministry provides a natural avenue for Christian athletes and coaches to fulfill the Great Commission through the unique passions and abilities God has given them.

TRAUMA TEAMS

WHO CAN APPLY FOR TRAUMA TEAMS?

Anyone! Trauma Teams are a mixture of clinically trained and non-clinically trained individuals.

WHAT TYPES OF TRAUMA TEAMS DO YOU SEND?

We send trauma teams that can provide intervention, training, or both. Training would be aimed towards equipping international partners to minister to those that have been affected by trauma. Intervention teams would be geared towards providing therapeutic intervention for those that have experienced trauma.

DO YOU NEED SPECIFIC TRAINING TO GO ON A TRAUMA TEAM?

No, not prior to being accepted to a team. Once selected you will receive training through an online format and additional training at training camp.