



Associates

PROGRAM APPLICATION

Associate Qualifications

1. Love Jesus Christ and have been a Christian for at least one year by time of application.
2. U.S. or Canadian citizen/resident
3. Native or fluent English speaker
4. At least 21 years old or completed two years of college
5. Active member of a local church
6. Your local church must endorse your participation and subscribe to Asian Access's statement of faith.
7. Self-starter, flexible, with previous ministry and cross-cultural experience
8. Actively shares faith.
9. Commits to raise funds for assignment and complete all training materials
10. Baptized prior to departure

Note: Couples with kids must commit to 3-year terms.

How To Apply To Be

A Church Planting Associate

ASSOCIATES APPLICATION CHECKLIST

1. Before applying, contact your missions pastor, missions committee at church or staff worker at school to let them know that you are hoping to apply to become an Associate. They can visit a special section of our website to learn more about Asian Access: <http://www.lifejapan.org/gatekeeper>
2. Work on the application forms: (You can type your answers into our application or fill it out by hand.)
 - A. Associate Application
 - B. Self Reference Form
 - C. Short-Term Spiritual Reference form
 - D. Short-Term General Reference form (for any non-Christian references)
3. Distribute 6 reference forms to those references you designate on page 3 of the application. Give references the **Spiritual Reference** form. If your Employer/Teacher is a non-Christian, please give them the **General Reference** form. Have each person either e-mail his/her completed reference form **within 2 weeks** to associates@asianaccess.org or enclose it in an envelope you have stamped and pre-addressed to:
Church Planting Associates
Asian Access
PO Box 200
San Dimas, CA 91773 USA
or they can fax to "Attn Church Planting Associates"
at (866) 862-0968.

4. Complete the Associates Application and Self-Reference Form. Then e-mail the forms to associates@asianaccess.org, or mail the forms in one envelope along with a check for the application fee* (payable to Asian Access) and official transcripts from all schools attended after high school to:
Church Planting Associates
Asian Access
PO Box 200
San Dimas, CA 91773 USA
5. Please follow up on your 6 references to ensure the forms are completed and sent in to the Asian Access office. After we receive your full application (Application & Questions, Self-Reference, 6 Reference and School Transcript), we will call to set up a telephone interview time with you.

In the mean time . . .

Talk with groups and friends at your church and/or fellowship about this ministry opportunity. Ask them to pray for you and to consider joining or financially supporting your church planting ministry in Japan. Asian Access can provide guidance to you and your missions pastor/committee or staff worker in this process.

If you have any additional questions, try these additional resources:

- ▶ FAQs (frequently asked questions) can be found at: <http://go2japan.org/faqs>
- ▶ go2japan forum: <http://go2japan.org/forum>.
- ▶ You can also contact Emi Miller at emiller@asianaccess.org or (800) 543-3678 ext. 240.

*Application fee: singles = US\$75 or CN\$100,
couples = US\$99 or CN\$150

CHURCH INFORMATION

8. Church you are currently attending:

Church Membership/Home Church (*if different*):

Name: _____
Denomination: _____
How long have you attended? _____
Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____
Pastor: _____
Missions Director: _____
Pastor who knows you best: _____

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REFERENCES

List at least five names, addresses, phone numbers, and number of years known of people who will serve as references. List people who have known you for a minimum of one year. Do not include relatives or fiancé(e).

1. Pastor (_____) years:
Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____
E-Mail: _____

2. Employer/Teacher (_____) years:
Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____
E-mail: _____

3. Leader who has observed you in a Christian context for (_____) yrs:
Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____
E-mail: _____

4. A close friend (_____) years:
Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____
E-mail: _____

5. A close friend (_____) years:
Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____
E-mail: _____

6. A close friend (_____) years:
Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____
E-mail: _____

We may request additional references from the individuals listed.

In order to guarantee confidentiality to those submitted as references, you may waive your right to review. If you do not waive this right, understand that your references may be less candid, knowing their comments are not confidential. Please read, ✓ check the box, and sign the statement below

- I waive my right** to a review of my references according to the Freedom of Information Act and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.
- I do not waive my right** to personally examine references and file material submitted in connection with this application.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Please Answer the Following Questions on a Separate Sheet of Paper. Typewritten answers are preferred. If this is not possible, write clearly in black ink. Please give a concise but complete answer.

A. SPIRITUAL AND PERSONAL QUESTIONS

Your Christian Faith

1. Please describe how and when you became a Christian and the major influences on your spiritual development (in approximately one page).
2. Describe how you maintain/deepen your relationship with Christ?
3. What do you consider to be your spiritual gifts? How have you seen any of them demonstrated in your life and ministry?

Personal & Ministry Experience

4. How are you involved in your church and any other ministry activity?
 - a. List your position, responsibilities, and duration, for each.
 - b. What ministry in your past has helped to prepare you for ministry in Japan?
5. What personal strengths do you bring to a ministry setting?
6. What are the weaker areas of your ministry that you would like to be develop further?
7. Please list your previous overseas experience including country, dates, length of stay and purpose of each experience.

Japan Ministry

8. What interests you about Japan? Explain any experience and background you have with the Japanese language and culture.
9. Why do you want to participate in the Asian Access Associate's program? List your specific objectives for your time overseas -- personal and ministry.
10. Are there any limitations or problems which would hinder you from going to Japan, prevent you from having an effective overseas ministry, or necessitate an early return from the field?
11. How do you relate to those who have authority over you in work and ministry? Describe a time when you had to work under someone who was difficult for you to follow. Why was it difficult? How did you manage or resolve the situation?
12. How do interpersonal tensions and differences affect you? Describe a recent interpersonal conflict and how you resolved the conflict and dealt with its affects on you. Do you have any unresolved conflicts with anyone?

B. PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

13. Are you in debt? no yes Please list your total indebtedness, including source, amount owed, and monthly payments.
14. Do you have any other financial responsibilities or obligations? If yes, please explain.
15. Do you have a valid driver's license? no yes

C. DOCTRINAL QUESTIONS

Please answer the following questions using only the Bible or a concordance as outside help. Two or three sentences (a descriptive statement) should be adequate for most questions.

16. How does one gain salvation?
17. How do you feel about working with people from various denominations?
18. What is your position on the use of charismatic gifts? Could you work with someone who differs from you in this area?



D. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)

- 1. Age: _____ Date of birth: _____
- 2. Country of Citizenship: _____
- 3. Gender: Male Female Height: _____' _____" Weight: _____ lbs.
- 4. Marital status: Single Engaged Married Widowed Separated Divorced Divorced/Remarried
 Wedding date / Expected date of marriage: _____ / _____ / _____
- 5. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? No Yes If yes, please explain.
- 6. Have you been under medical, psychological, or psychiatric care in the past 2 years? No Yes If yes, please explain.
- 7. Do you have any history of alcohol or substance abuse, anorexia or bulimia? No Yes If yes, please explain.
- 8. Have you ever dealt with such problems as depression, moodiness or anxiety? No Yes If yes, please explain.
- 9. Do you have any phobias (heights, insects, enclosed spaces, etc.)? No Yes If yes, please describe.

E. STATEMENT OF FAITH (Please read and sign below)

Asian Access' Statement of Faith

- 1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
- 2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- 3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, and in His personal return in power and glory.
- 4. We believe that for the salvation of the lost and sinful people regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
- 5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
- 6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
- 7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, who comprise the church, which is His body.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Send this completed application with a check of application fee* (payable to Asian Access) to:

Asian Access Associate Program
P.O. Box 200, San Dimas, CA 91773
(800) 543-3678 ♦ (626) 914-8990 ♦ fax (626) 914-9572 ♦ associates@lifejapan.org

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