

MISSIONARY PREPARATION CHECKLIST

Name of Missionary Candidate: _____

Mission Availability Date: _____

WHILE ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOL AND AFTER GRADUATION

- Keep yourself worthy.
- Read the *Book of Mormon* multiple times.
- Read the following books at least once:
 - Doctrine and Covenants*.
 - Pearl of Great Price*.
 - New Testament*.
 - Jesus the Christ*.
 - A Marvelous Work and A Wonder*.
- Read and study *Preach My Gospel* an hour every Sunday, in addition to all other Gospel study. Start memorizing related Scripture Mastery Scriptures.
- Study the Gospel for an hour each day, including the Scriptures, Church magazines, and other Church Materials.
- Attend the Elder Preparation Course, and work with the Bishop to prepare to receive the Melchizedek Priesthood.
- Attend the Temple Preparation Course.
- Register for and attend Institute classes, if possible. If you are not sure what is available, call the institute director for the college you are attending. If you are not attending college, call the director of the institute nearest your home. You can find those numbers on the Church Education System web site at <http://www.ldsces.org>. Click on Institute and then click on Locate an Institute, and then select Nevada.
- Work, save, and make arrangements for your financial support throughout your mission. Discuss this with your family and your Bishop. If you are in debt, make arrangements to get out of debt.

120-150 DAYS BEFORE AVAILABILITY DATE

- If you have not already done so, create an account to access the Ward web site. (Browse to <http://durangoward.org> using your web browser, click on the “Sign In/Sign Out” link, and then click on the “Obtain an account link”. You will need your membership number and your confirmation date. You will create a login name and password that you must remember.
- After the Bishop has started your missionary application online, browse online to <http://lds.org/mss> and sign in using the same name and password you created for signing into the ward web site. Before actually starting the application, you should first click on the Quick-Start Orientation link, which does not require you to sign in.
- Begin hepatitis A and B immunizations. Make sure all standard inoculations and vaccinations are up-to-date.
- Complete the Personal Health History completely, honestly, and accurately.
- Arrange for medical and dental exams as required in the instructions. Arrange for all required medical and dental work to be completed. Have the completed reports mailed to the Bishop.

104 DAYS BEFORE AVAILABILITY DATE

- Complete the missionary application.

- Have at two passport-type photos taken. If you do not have a passport or if your current passport will expire during your mission, it may be prudent to have a current one, even if you are called to a mission within the United States. If you decide to apply for a passport, have two additional passport photos taken, and follow the instructions for applying for or renewing a passport which are found online at http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html.
- Make appointment with the Bishop for your mission interview. Bring your missionary application and photos with you.
- After the Bishop's interview, call the Stake Executive Secretary, Todd Edwards (259-9225) and schedule an interview with the Stake President, President Tew.

90 DAYS BEFORE AVAILABILITY DATE

- Stake President submits missionary application to Church headquarters.

AFTER RECEIVING MISSION CALL

- Accept your mission call by completing and signing the acceptance form, having the Bishop sign it, and sending it to the address indicated. Your acceptance triggers a follow-up letter of instructions from your Mission President, and it is important to get that letter promptly.
- Make plans to attend the Temple as soon as you have your mission call.
 - Call Bishop to let him know your assignment and to schedule Temple Recommend Interview.
 - Schedule an appointment for a Temple Recommend Interview with President Tew.
 - Call the Temple to schedule your endowment session. You may receive your endowment at any Temple, but all Temples require that those attending for their own endowment make an appointment for a specific session. The phone number for the Las Vegas Temple is 702-452-5011. You can find a phone number for any other Temple by exploring the Church's web site starting at <http://www.lds.org/temples/>.
- Attend the Temple as often as is practical, volunteering (when time permits) to work in the baptistry or to do initiatory work.
- Follow the instructions given in your mission call letter and the follow-up letter that will come from your Mission President.
- Make arrangements to renew your driver license if it will expire during your mission.
- Stay worthy. Keep studying *Preach My Gospel* and other missionary related Church books and publications.