

Transit Service Line FAQs

Q – Where do I apply?

A – transitstudents.org

Q – Do both the parent and the student need to fill out separate applications?

A – Yes

Q – I'm under 13, can I still create an account in ServiceReef and apply for an international trip?

A – Yes! You will create an account under the parent you are applying with. Parents, please follow the [instructions](#) linked on the main registration page.

Q – When is the application deadline?

A – January 16, 2017

Q – When and where are the team meetings and retreat going to be?

A – TBD by the trip team lead, but at one of the campuses.

Q – Why is Uganda just an option for fathers?

A – This is not because of a safety issue.

1. Most of the men working for the ministry and the children in the community have never had a father.
2. Culturally, the role of the father in Uganda is a disciplinarian. It is common and expected for children to be “afraid” of their fathers. The majority have never witnessed a loving interaction between a father and a child.

Q – How will the teams be chosen?

A – The teams will be chosen considering:

1. Campus representation
2. Gender (so that trips are balanced)
3. Reference checks
4. Needs (e.g., if we need a nurse)
5. First come, first served

Q – Can both parents take one student?

A – Because we have limited spots on the teams, we will select one parent per student. There are family trip options on the [global\(x\)](#) website.

Q – Can an adult sibling take the student?

A – We prefer the student participate in this experience with one of his or her parents/guardians.

Q – I have twins. Can I (one parent) take them both? Can both parents go to have one-on-one time with each student?

A – Yes

Q – Are there required vaccines for this trip?

A – You can check the [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) website for recommended vaccines. This is also something the team will talk about once it is selected. Vaccine costs are in addition to the amount of money each person needs to raise.

Q – Where can I get more specific information about what the teams will be doing?

A – The trip pages on transitstudents.org

Q – Will there be running water and electricity in Costa Rica, Haiti, Mexico, and Uganda?

A – The places we are staying have both, but they are in developing countries, which means we may not have access to it for a period of time. This is just part of the experience.

Q – Are all of these trips open to all of the campuses?

A – Yes. There are no “campus-specific” trips this year.

Q – I have applied for a global(x) trip and am waiting to hear back about that one. Should I wait to apply until I hear back?

A – Go ahead and apply for the Service Line trip as well. Then you will have your name in the running for both. If you are selected for both, then you will have to decide between them. You will have to fill out multiple applications, but once you have a ServiceReef or Managed Missions account, it should be quicker to fill out another. This is how all global(x) applications work.

Q – My student has food allergies; how will that work on a mission trip?

A – When traveling outside of the country we recommend that you pack food and snacks to accommodate your allergy. We cannot ensure that each location will be able to service the wide variety of possible allergies.

Q – Where in Costa Rica are we going?

A – San Jose, Costa Rica, to serve with our global(x) partner.

Q – Where in Haiti are we going?

A – Due to the recent destruction of Hurricane Matthew, these trips are subject to location changes based on the condition/current needs of The 410 Bridge’s communities there.

Q – Where in Mexico are we going?

A – Merida, Mexico, to serve with Shalom Church.

Q – Where in Uganda are we going?

A – Right outside of the capital of Kampala. The ministry is called Champions United FC. It’s a soccer ministry. This is a global(x) partner. *(You don’t need to be a soccer player to be on this team)*

