

Jessica Summers, MD, Memorial Scholarship

Mission Trip to Honduras

February 18 – 24, 2022

Scholarship Application Deadline: November 26, 2021

Dr. Jessica Summers, was a vibrant, young talented trauma/burn surgeon with many talents and passions. She was extremely passionate about her medical missionary work in Honduras, where she would go each year to provide medical care. In addition to the medical care that she provided, she would also sponsor two children each year through the Honduran Children's Rescue Fund (HCRF) while on her mission trip. Jessica is remembered for her big smile, caring, compassion, and generosity in Honduras. (Sponsoring a child is not a requirement of the candidate.)

In continuing her legacy, the Jessica Summers, MD, Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established at the Upstate Foundation to sponsor an annual mission trip for a medical professional.

Objective of the Mission Trip

According to the HCRF, "Through the experience of a short-term mission trip, it is hoped that participants will contribute significantly to many of the needs of the Honduran people. The trip will also expand one's view of the Creator, the great need in the world, and the relative unimportance of "things" in our lives. This will be a trip of "reverse mission" where we learn some of life's most important lessons from the poorest of the poor."

The mission trip will typically encompass travel to five Honduran villages and see some 1,500 patients, both children and adults, most with medical needs.

Medical professionals are needed in the following fields/specialties:

- General medicine
- Surgical
- Orthopedics
- Dentists
- Internists
- Family practice

The Jessica Summers, MD, Memorial Scholarship

The scholarship will provide up to \$2,000 to cover the cost of attending the HCRF mission trip which includes: airfare from the departing airport in Houston, Texas to Comayagua, Honduras as well as all ground transportation, room, board and meals while on mission in Honduras. The scholarship will cover the expenses of attending the mission trip. The candidate will be responsible for the cost of his/her travel to the departing airport in Houston, Texas. The candidate will only need to bring personal spending money. Arrangements for the flight to and from Honduras, room, board and meals will be arranged by the HCRF. The Upstate Foundation will pay the mission fee directly to HCRF.

Who Can Apply: Any medical professional

Apply for the scholarship:

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1. Provide a paragraph (500 word limit) in a cover letter describing:
 - Why is taking part in this mission important to you?
 - What do you expect to gain from this experience?
2. Submit a Professional CV including previous volunteer activities
3. Submit 3 professional letters of recommendation for attending the mission trip

Submit your application by mail to:

Tamara Roberts
c/o Clark Burn Center
Upstate Medical University
750 East Adams Street
Syracuse, NY 13210

Or email: robertta@upstate.edu

The selection committee will review applications by December 10, 2021. The selected candidate will be notified by phone and email. The scholarship recipient must submit his/her application to the Honduran Children's Rescue Fund by December 31, 2021 to participate in the February 18 - 24, 2022 mission trip. The selected candidate will have a reserved spot for the February trip.

For more information, please contact Tamara Roberts, 315-464-9369, robertta@upstate.edu

About the Honduran Children's Rescue Fund and Mission Trip to Honduras

<https://www.honduranchildrensrescuefund.org/get-involved/mission-trip>

It is with a heavy heart that we receive the news of Dr. Jessica Summer's passing. It was truly an honor to have such a loving and generous person volunteering in the brigades at SAN.

We will always remember her with a big smile on her face, so full of life. Her love for Honduran people was palpable, she enjoyed visiting Nuevo Paraiso, and we enjoyed welcoming her. Among her many talents, she was a great singer and was our choir director when she was visiting us.

It was inspiring watching her work with such passion and love, our life was richer for knowing her.

Our prayers and thoughts will always be there with her family and friends in during these difficult times.

Sincerely,
Your friends at SAN



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