

# Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief Collegiate Internship

**Applications Due: Early Bird- January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021/ Last Chance- April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

This internship was created to provide one of the most impactful, unique, and challenging student missionary experiences in the country. For ten weeks a group of twenty-somethings will travel to wherever disaster calls, often times multiple sites in one summer. Deploying in sometimes less than 48 hours, our interns have the opportunity to serve those whose lives have been dramatically overturned. The five areas we focus on during the summer are chainsaw, shower trailers, flood recovery, mass-feedings, and childcare. We also focus on building encouraging and fun environments to learn about teamwork, leadership, and serving. The purpose of this internship is to mentor students in being the hands and feet of Jesus; bringing Hope, Help, and Healing.

## **What are the dates of this internship?**

The dates for the 2021 summer internship begins on May 31th and ends on August 6th.

## **Can I go home during the ten weeks of the internship?**

As an organization, we prioritize the connectedness of our teams. For this reason, we ask our interns to remain with the team for the entirety of the ten weeks. Between callouts we make time to relax and have fun with the team. Past years, students have gone to movies, kayaking, played arcade games, and went to the beach.

## **How long do we stay at each disaster?**

Disasters are never the same, nor do they operate on the same schedules. For this reason, the duration of a callout can vary. We aim to provide aid to the best of our abilities for as long as we can. Callouts can be expected to be 2-3 weeks on average.

## **What if there are no disasters?**

Summers tend to be the “busy” season for disasters, but on some occasions we have seen summers without a single major disaster. Our services will then shift focus from response to recovery; including rebuild and construction.

## **Where do I stay during the internship?**

Our home base for the summer is located in Jefferson City, Missouri. Housing will be provided both when our interns are on callouts and when they are in Jefferson City. On callouts, we typically stay in churches.

**Is there an age requirement for the internship?**

While there is no age requirement, we would prefer our applicants to have finished at least one year of college.

**Can I use this internship for credit at school?**

Yes! We encourage students to use this internship for college credit whenever possible!

**What does the MBC provide for the Disaster Relief Internship Experience?**

The MBC will provide housing, meals, transportation, work shirts, and a monthly stipend to each of our interns.

**“What do I need for this internship?”**

Most tools will be provided for you this summer. There are some things that you will need to get before the summer begins including: bedding (twin air mattress or cot), work pants (old jeans will work great), and work boots.”

**How does the Application Process work?**

We have two sections of the application process. The “Early Bird” registration ends on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Students that apply before this date have a much more likely chance of being accepted into the program. These decisions will be made by February 29<sup>th</sup>. “Last Chance” applications are due April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Students will still be accepted during the “Last Chance” period, as spots allow. Final decisions will be made by April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021.