

TEAM MEMBER APPLICATION: SHORT-TERM AND SEMESTER MISSIONARIES

Requirements to Apply with Silk Road Catalyst

- **Minimum Age:** 18
- **Minimum Education:** High School Graduate. Non-graduates may apply given they graduate before their departure date.
- **Church Recommendation:** See below for details.
- **Passport:** Your passport must be valid for a minimum of 16 months when submit your application to serve with Silk Road Catalyst. If you do not possess a passport or your passport will expire in less than 16 months from submitting your application to Silk Road Catalyst, you will need to submit, with your application, proof that you have applied for a new passport.

Items required with your application:

*****THIS IS IMPORTANT*****

- One Passport Photo (*same size photo you use to apply for your passport and most entry visas*)
- Photocopy of the front photo/information page of your passport
- Signed copy of the "Financial Policy for Volunteers".
- All sections of this application unless otherwise states by Silk Road Catalyst.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: FOLLOW THEM CAREFULLY! Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- Review the application and contact the office if you have any questions.
- Complete the entire application. Do not ignore any pages or questions. They are all important.
- Mail completed application to:

*Silk Road Catalyst
PO Box 5864
Spartanburg, SC 29304*

- Now it's time to distribute your reference forms.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM YOUR LOCAL CHURCH

A letter of recommendation and endorsement from your Pastor or another senior leader in your church is required. This letter may be emailed or mailed to our office. In the letter, the pastor/leader needs to indicate their endorsement for your involvement and whether or not they will be supporting you financially and with prayer. If they are not, they need to explain their reason. They must also include information about themselves in case we need to contact them directly.

REFERENCE FORM INSTRUCTIONS

- Make four (3) copies of the reference form (*front and back*). Additional ones may be requested in the future.
- Write your name on the top of each reference form you distribute.
- Distribute them to one of the following types of people with a **stamped envelope addressed to Silk Road Catalyst**. (see address above). Additional references may be requested. (See backside for additional information on references)
 - a. *Director of Missions at your local church.*
 - b. *A Pastor, Sunday School teacher or Lay Leader in your life*
 - c. *A close friend who knows you well.*
 - d. *A non-relative that has known you at least five (7) years.*

If you have any problems distributing the reference forms to one of the above people, please contact our office to make arrangements. When distributing the forms, advise your references to do the following:

- Answer all the questions honestly.
- Insert their reference form into an envelope and seal it themselves.
- Sign their name across the seal of the envelope on the back.
- Mail it to our office themselves. They should not return the form to you.
- Mail form to our office as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the application, contact Steve Schirmer at apply@silkroadcatalyst.com or 864.412.3405.

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<i>Date Application Received</i>	<i>References & Background Check Accomplished</i>
<i>Interviews Complete</i>	<i>Acceptance or Declined? Letter Sent?</i>

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Team Member Application: Short-term & Semester

I. Personal Information

Name (as listed on your passport):

Gender:

Passport Date of Issue:

Passport Date of Expiration:

Country Passport was Issued:

Place of Birth (listed on Passport):

Citizenship:

Date of Birth:

Social Security #:

Driver's License # & State:

Current Address:

Permanent Address (if different):

Home Phone:

Mobile Phone:

Work Phone:

Email:

Facebook / Twitter:

Skype id:

Marital Status:

Are You Engaged?:

Have you been divorced?:

Have you ever been separated?:

Current Employer:

Name:

Address:

Supervisor's Name:

Contact Info:

Your Position & Your Duties:

II. Education & Training Background

1. Highest level of schooling you completed:

Name of School Degree Type	Major	Date Attended	Date Graduated
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2. If you are currently in school, when do you plan graduate?

3. My mother language (first language) is _____.
My other languages include _____.

4. What, if any, TESOL certification do you have?

III. Church, Ministry & Spiritual Background (Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary)

1. Share how you became a disciple of Jesus?

2. When and where were you baptized?

3. How has your life changed since becoming a disciple of Jesus?

4. Your Home Church:

Name of Church:

Senior Pastor's Name:

Pastor's Email:

Church Denomination/Affiliation:

Years at this Church:

Regular Attender & Member?:

Official Member?:

Church Phone #:

Church Address:

5. Have you discussed this ministry opportunity with your pastor or missions pastor? What was his response?
6. What ministries are you currently involved in?
7. Have you served on the foreign mission field (short-term or long-term)? If yes, please share where, with whom and what kind of ministry you were involved in.
8. Describe three (3) personal strengths and how you perceive they might benefit your team?
9. Describe one (1) personal weakness and how you perceive it might affect your tea

IV. Health & Medical Information

Blood Type:

Status of your Health:

Name of your Physician:

Physician's Address:

Physician's Phone #:

Physician's After Hours #:

List all current Immunizations (immunization name and date received): Please include a copy of your yellow "International Certificate of Vaccination" if available.

Other Medical & Health Questions:

1. Have you had any professional counseling for emotional or psychological problems? Are you currently seeing a counselor or receiving psychiatric care?
2. List all prescription and non-prescription medication you are currently taking.

3. List all the medical care you have received in the past 12 months.

4. List your history of major illnesses and surgeries.

5. List all known allergies (*ex: food, pollen, dust, pollution, smoke, chemical*) or chronic life-threatening conditions that you have.

6. List all medication conditions that you have that will be helpful for a physician to know should you require emergency medical attention.

7. Describe your current physical fitness.

8. Do you anticipate any physical challenges with walking and climbing stairs?

9. Emergency Contact Person:

Name:	Relationship to You:
Address:	Home #:
Mobile #:	Skype id:
Email:	Facebook / Twitter:

V. Questions About Your Life

1. Have you had your passport revoked by the country it was issued for any reason? If yes, please explain.

2. Have you been deported or banned from any country? If yes, please explain.

3. Have you been arrested or convicted for a misdemeanor or felony charge? If yes, please explain.

4. Have your used or currently use tobacco, alcohol products or narcotics? If yes, please explain.

5. Have you had any involvement with a cult or the occult? If yes, please explain.

VI. Essay Question

Why do you want to serve with Silk Road Catalyst?

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VII. Core Beliefs

By signing below, you acknowledge you are in full agreement with Silk Road Catalyst's official Core Beliefs. If you are not in agreement with any part, please note which statement you are not in agreement with, explain your position on a separate sheet of paper and sign below.

Bible

We believe the Bible is God's inspired written Word, relevant to all mankind, inerrant in the original manuscripts, and the final authority in all matters of life and faith. (*Psalm 119:105; Matthew 4:4; John 5:39; John 20:30-31; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21*)

God

We believe there is one God, the sole Creator of life and truth. He exists co-eternally and co-equally in three persons – God the Father, God the Son & God the Holy Spirit. (*Genesis 1:1; Genesis 1:26; Acts 17:24-28*)

- God the Father is the head of the triune God. He initiated creation, established redemption through His only Son Jesus Christ, sent His Spirit into the world to indwell and lead His people, and has determined the day, known only by Him, when Jesus will return. (*Genesis 1:1; Genesis 1:26; Deuteronomy 32:6; Matthew 6:9; Matthew 24:36; John 3:16; John 14:26; Ephesians 4:6*)
- God the Son is Jesus Christ, God incarnate. He is fully deity, conceived by the Holy Spirit and virgin born, lived sinless, the atoning sacrifice for mankind, resurrected from the dead, ascended into heaven, seated at the right hand of God the Father, and interceding for God's people. (*Genesis 1:26; Matthew 1:18; John 1:1; John 3:16; John 14:6; Romans 7:55; Romans 8:34; Colossians 1:15-20; Revelation 22:13*)
- God the Holy Spirit is presently active on earth. He is sent by the Father to convict us of our sin, leads us to repentance, indwells and seals those reconciled to God through Jesus Christ. Those He indwells, He seals until the day of redemption and empowers with spiritual gifts to build up the body of Christ and expand God's Kingdom. (*Genesis 1:26; Psalm 139:7-8; John 14:26; Romans 8:26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:10-11; 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; Ephesians 1:13-14; Ephesians 4:30*)

Mankind, Sin & Salvation

We believe mankind was created in the image of God to have fellowship with God. Adam & Eve were created first but ultimately disobeyed God. As a result, sin and death entered the world and every one inherited this sin nature. Not one person is exempt. Therefore, we are by nature objects of God's wrath and destined for eternal judgment. While we are unable to change this status through our own works, God's grace and divine plan has provided one path for forgiveness, salvation and reconciliation with God. This path is faith in Jesus Christ and repentance of sin. (*Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 3; John 3:16; John 14:6; Romans 3:23-24; Acts 2:14-41; Romans 6:23; Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:1-10; 1 Peter 2:24*)

The Church

We believe the Church is the bride and body of Jesus Christ, with Jesus as the head, who is comprised of all people, from every nation, tribe & language, who have been reconciled to God through Jesus Christ. The best expression of the Church is within a local community of believers (local church) where together they worship God, fellowship together, make disciples, and demonstrate God's love to each other and the world. (*Acts 2:41-47; Romans 12:4-5; Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Ephesians 1:22; Ephesians 4:1-16; Colossians 1:18; Hebrews 10:24-25*)

Return of Jesus

We believe Jesus will return, in His Father's glory, on the day known only by God the Father, to gather His bride (the Church) to live eternally with Him, to judge & condemn those who reject God's salvation, to abolish evil, and to make all things new. (*Matthew 16:27; Matthew 24:36-39; Mark 13:26-27; John 14:1-4; Acts 1:11; Philippians 3:20; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-5:4; Revelation 20:13-15; Revelation 21:1-8*)

Print Name

Date

Signature

VIII. References

Reference #1

Name: Relationship:
Address: Phone #:
Email:

Reference #2

Name: Relationship:
Address: Phone #:
Email:

Reference #3

Name: Relationship:
Address: Phone #:
Email:

Church Endorsement:

Pastor or Church Leader's Name: Title:
Address: Phone #:
Email:

REFERENCE FORM

Confidential Reference on: _____

Please be as objective as possible in your evaluation as your reference is vital to fully understanding the applicant. Serving as an international cross-cultural missionary, aimed at sharing the good news of Jesus Christ among every nation, is very different than working in the secular work force in the United States - due to stress of culture, language, ambiguity and restrictions on political or religious freedoms in foreign countries. Please keep this in mind as you fill out this evaluation. Thank you!

Your Name: _____

In what capacity, have you known the applicant:

Pastor/Minister Supervisor Campus Minister Friend Other _____

How long have you known the applicant: ___ years ___ months

How well do you know the applicant: Very Personal Personal Surface

What communication have you had with the applicant in the past six (6) months:

Very Personal Personal Surface None

Following are six (6) short answer questions. It would be most helpful to us if you would briefly explain your answers.

If you were going to serve short-term in a foreign country, would you want this applicant to be on your team? Yes Yes with hesitation No Please explain your answer:

Have you observed this applicant relate to members of the opposite gender? What did you observe? Do you have any concerns that you believe we should know about? If Yes, please explain.

Have you observed this applicant minister in a cross-cultural setting? What did you observe? Do you have any concerns that you believe we should know about? If Yes, please explain.

How does the applicant relate to other people? (friendly, distant, warm, fun, abrasive, awkward, good social skills, etc.? Do they make jokes at other people's expense? etc.) Please explain.

Please share two things in how you believe this applicant will be a benefit to the SRC team.

Please share two things that you believe about the applicant that we, at SRC, will have difficulty adjusting to or appreciate.

How would you describe the applicant's current spiritual growth and relationship with God?

Have you observed the applicant share the gospel of Jesus Christ?

Please include your contact information if we may contact you regarding the applicant.

E-mail

Facebook / Twitter ID

Daytime Phone #

Address

IX. RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

In consideration for being approved for and/or participating as a Silk Road Catalyst (SRC)(a ministry of CrossCampus International, Inc. (CCI)) team member, I hereby agree to release, discharge, and hold harmless CCI & SRC, its employees, officers, directors, representatives, agents, successors, and assigns (“the Released Parties”) from any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, and expenses (including reasonable attorney’s fees for defending the claims and demands) for injury (including, but not limited to, illness) to person or property which may be incurred by me or any other person or entity, whether in foreign or domestic territory, arising out of or relating to any trip, event or activity related to my participation as a CCI/SRC Team Member, including claims or demands based on the negligence of one or more of the Released Parties, as well as claims based on the conduct of myself. If any action or proceeding is brought against one or more of the Released Parties by reason of such claim, I, on notice from CCI & SRC, will defend the action or proceeding at my cost and by counsel acceptable to CCI & SRC. Further, I agree to DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS CCI & SRC, as well as the other Released Parties, for any liability or expenses sustained by CCI & SRC as a result of my participation as a CCI & SRC Team Member. I further understand that I will be representing CCI & SRC, if approved, and agree to abstain from any behavior during my participation as a Team Member that would hinder Christian ministry, and understand and agree that CCI & SRC, in its sole discretion, may revoke my status as a CCI & SRC Team Member.

I expressly acknowledge that I have read, reviewed and considered all travel related warnings and advisories advised at <https://travel.state.gov>, issued by the United States Department of State Bureau of Consular Affairs, regarding the country or countries I will be present in during my tenure with SRC/CCI.

I expressly agree that the laws of the State of Texas shall apply regarding any interpretation and any application of this Agreement.

Print Legal Name

Signature as Listed on Your Passport

Today’s Date

Countries Traveling To with SRC/CCI Initials

Frame of Time Serving with SRC/CCI Initials