



HOLY-LAND STUDY GRANT GUIDELINES

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PURPOSE

The Holy Land Studies Grant is intended to encourage people to gain first-hand experience in understanding the Bible in its original context of time, place, and culture. The grant provides financial assistance toward expenses of approved short-term Biblically-oriented study programs in the Holy Land and other regions of the world with a direct connection to the original context of the Bible. Such regions would primarily involve Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Turkey, and Greece.

Pre-approved programs include those listed at www.israel.laidig.org as well those associated with Under the Fig Tree Ministries, Jerusalem University College (www.juc.edu), and That the World May Know Ministries (www.followtherabbi.com). Additionally, some of the Biblically-oriented teaching trips offered by GTI Tours (www.gtitours.net) are pre-approved.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors, and consists of at least 2 members.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for awards will be based upon the following prioritized list:

1. Regular attendee at Community Gospel Church, Bremen, Indiana.
2. Missionary or dependant of a missionary supported by Community Gospel Church.
3. Missionary or dependant of missionary with Wycliffe Bible Translators having served in Indonesia.
4. Student or staff at Bethel College, Mishawaka, Indiana.
5. Regular attendee at a church in the Bremen – Mishawaka community of Indiana.
6. Applicant with a written personal recommendation from a previous participant of one of the approved Holy-Land Study Programs, recommending the applicant based upon financial need as well as personal motivation for Holy-Land study.

The Board of Directors and their immediate family members are not eligible. Immediate family members are defined to include parents, parents-in-law, siblings, siblings-in-law, and children.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed "Holy-Land Study Grant Application" from The Wyn & Carol Laidig Foundation.
2. Personal written statement explaining what you hope to gain from the study program.
3. Letter of recommendation from church, college, mission, or previous participant of an approved Holy-Land Study Program.
4. Personal interview (normally via telephone).



AWARD

Under normal circumstances, the maximum award amount is \$2000. The award amount could be higher in extenuating circumstances of special need, based upon a letter of recommendation from the applicant's church, school, or mission agency.

The award will be granted upon memorization of the Sermon on the Mount teaching (Matthew 5-7). Memorization can be done one chapter at a time, with \$600 award for each of the first two chapters, and \$800 for completion of the third chapter. Memorization may be done in the version of your choice. Do not memorize verse numbers.

Awards will be paid directly to the institution whenever possible, and only after the memorization and/or reading requirements are met.