

General Health: Excellent Good Fair Poor

List any physical or health problems:

Have you ever had any type of mental disorder (depression, anxiety, etc)? If yes, please explain:

List any prescribed medication you are currently taking:

In event of emergency, name(s) of nearest relative(s):

Name	Relationship	Phone	
Address	City	State	Zip

Are you a native English speaker? Yes No If no, please explain:

Are you proficient in any of the following languages?

Portuguese Japanese Spanish Chinese Dialect Other (Specify):

Language 1 _____ Fluent Conversational Basic Elementary

Language 2 _____ Fluent Conversational Basic Elementary

Educational Background (List all schools attended beyond high school):

<u>School</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Minor</u>	<u>Dates of Attendance</u>	<u>Degree</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

(List any additional schools on a separate page)

List below any additional specialized training/certifications:

Employment Background

Present Employment

Position

Dates of Employment

Employer Name and Address

Type of Business

Your Responsibilities

How much time off will your current employer allow you to take? _____

Please list other significant employment experience:
(Include position, company, dates, responsibilities)

Financial Background

List the outstanding debts and financial obligations to which you are currently subject.

Auto Home Mortgage Other (Please explain all current obligations):

Do you have anyone who is financially dependent on you? Yes No (If yes, please explain)

Church Background

Present Church: _____ Years Attended: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: () _____ Denomination: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Are you a member? Yes No If yes, how long? _____

Have you been baptized? Yes No If yes, when and where were you baptized?
If no, please explain.

Previous Church(es):

<u>Church</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Dates</u>
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Ministry Experience

Please list your Christian service involvements in the last 5 years:

(Include your church/group served, position, duties, and dates—add on a separate sheet if needed)

Please state any cross-cultural experience you have: Where did you go? For how long? What did you do?

Describe a recent experience where you have engaged in sharing your faith:

Ministry Skills & Spiritual Gifts Inventory

What exceptional talents or abilities do you have? (examples: play a musical instrument; athletic skills; cooking)

What skills will enable you to make a contribution to cross-cultural ministry?

What spiritual gifts do you possess? Have they been affirmed by others in ministry?

What ministry(ies) would you be interested in doing on the mission field?

Spiritual Autobiography

Please attach a one-page testimony of your conversion experience and subsequent growth in Christ.

Spiritual Life

How would you describe your devotional/prayer life at this time?

Are you in a regular Bible Study, small group, or discipling relationship? Yes No

Please explain.

When faced with challenging and stressful situations (emotionally **or** relationally), how do you respond/react?

What are the strongest areas in your spiritual life?

What areas of your spiritual life would you like to see more growth?

How has God indicated His leading for you in pursuing this missions ministry opportunity? Please explain:

If under 25 years of age, what are your parents' attitude towards you serving in missions?

Interests

What are your special interests and leisure activities?

What books have you read recently and/or what periodicals do you read regularly?

References

Reference Forms and return envelopes are provided by JEMS, if requested. Downloadable forms are on the JEMS website <http://jems.org/pdf/2012MissionsSTRef.pdf> . The forms are to be sent directly to JEMS by the person making the referral.

Requirements: 3 References

1. Pastor

Name: _____ Title: _____

Church Name: _____ Denomination: _____

Church Address: _____
Street and Number City State Zip

Church Phone Number () _____

Email: _____

2. Lay Leader (someone who has direct knowledge of your ministry experience) or Missions Chair:

Name: _____ Position (Title): _____

Home Address: _____
Street and Number City State Zip

Home Phone Number () _____

Email: _____

3. Employer/Supervisor or Personal

Name: _____ Position (Title): _____

Business or Home Address: _____
Street and Number City State Zip

Business or Home Phone Number () _____

Email: _____

Background Information

As a member of the JEMS mission team, we believe you understand the extra effort we give to ensure God's will is done on the mission field. Some of the following questions are very personal. While people do not have to be perfect to serve the Lord, we want to make sure we have positioned each person in an area of ministry for which they are best suited. (For questions 1-8, answering "No" does not necessarily prevent you from joining our team. Please give more details about any "No" answers below.)

Yes No

- ___ ___ 1. Have you received Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord?
- ___ ___ 2. Have you been baptized since you were saved? If not, please explain.
- ___ ___ 3. Have you abstained from the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, and illegal drugs for at least the last 6 months?
- ___ ___ 4. Have you kept yourself from immoral sexual activity such as fornication and adultery for at least the last 6 months?
- ___ ___ 5. Have you kept yourself from pornography for at least the last 6 months?
- ___ ___ 6. Have you kept yourself from ever practicing homosexuality?
- ___ ___ 7. Have you lived in such a way that all the habits and other things in your life would be a good testimony of Jesus to others?
- ___ ___ 8. Are your finances in order, so that when you leave the country during the mission trip, it will not cause a financial crisis in your life when you return?
- ___ ___ 9. Do you presently have any communicable diseases (including HIV or AIDS)? If yes, comment.
- ___ ___ 10. Have you **ever** been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic offense? If yes, comment.

Applicant's Statement

I am willing to commit to obtain at least ten prayer partners for the purpose of praying for me during my preparation before I leave and while I am on the field.

I am willing to follow and submit to the JEMS mission team leadership as well as all of the guidelines for my protection.

I am willing to participate in all time requirements needed to prepare the team for a successful trip; such as sufficient time in prayer, training sessions, and homework assignments.

I am willing to participate in all activities and meetings during the entire duration of the mission trip.

I am willing to pay in full the entire cost of the trip, by the required deadline date and fully understand there are no refunds.

(There are **no refunds** for many reasons, such as non-refundable airline tickets, pre-purchased items overseas, non-refundable deposits on rental vehicle, etc.)

I am willing to complete and turn in all forms and documents required.

- a. Completed Missions Application
- b. Liability Waiver
- c. Medical and Emergency Release Form
- d. Valid "Current" Passport (cost not included in the price of trip)
- e. Two photocopies of passport for JEMS files
- f. Homework and ministry assignments

I am willing at times to be split up from my spouse during special circumstances, where all the women are sleeping in one room and all the men in another.

I understand, at any time, if the JEMS leadership feels I am not complying with their guidelines or instructions and/or causing danger and/or harm to the rest of the team, they have the right to send me home (to the USA) at their discretion, before the trip has officially ended at **my** expense.

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

JEMS Statement of Faith

We, the Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society believe . . .

1. That the Bible is God's Word, written to men divinely and uniquely inspired by the Holy Spirit, and that it is the supreme and final authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
2. In one God, eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. In Jesus Christ, the world's only Savior; in His preexistence, virgin birth, sinless life, vicarious death, burial and bodily resurrection and personal return.
4. In the Holy Spirit as a Person, indwelling and empowering the believer, convicting the unsaved and presenting the claims of Christ.
5. That sinful man is lost and can be redeemed only by the death and shed blood of Christ upon the cross through the regeneration of the Holy Spirit.
6. In the resurrection of the dead, the believer to life everlasting and the unbeliever to eternal condemnation.
7. That the Church, the Body of Christ, is comprised of all who have accepted the redemption provided by Christ.

Do you fully agree with the JEMS' Statement of Faith? Yes No

If your views differ or if you have any comments on any section of the Statement, please specify:

I acknowledge that all statements on this application are true to the best of my knowledge:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

In order to complete the application process, please submit the following:

- Application
- Application Fee (\$25, payable to "JEMS", write Japan mission app. on memo line)-includes the criminal background check
- Photo
- Spiritual Autobiography
- Additional Attachments (e.g. "Married and Engaged Appendix Form")
- Have References send their evaluations directly to JEMS

MARRIED AND ENGAGED APPENDIX FORM

Applicant Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Marital Status: Married Engaged Date of Marriage: _____

Will your spouse/fiancé(e) accompany you on this mission project? Yes No

If the answer is "Yes," please answer the following:

How does your partner feel about the opportunity of serving cross-culturally?

Does your partner have an equal sense of God's calling to this ministry? Please explain.

What expectations do you have in serving cross-culturally with your partner?

What concerns do you have in serving cross-culturally with your partner?

If the answer is "No," please answer the following question:

Are you and your partner in agreement regarding this period of separation? Yes No
Please explain.

Please list your children, if any, including their name, age, and birthdate.

Will your children be accompanying you on this mission project? Yes No

The issue of children serving with parents on the field will be addressed in a separate interview.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____



Background Check Authorization

Print Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Former Name(s) and Dates Used: _____

Current Address: _____
(Street) (City) (Zip/State)
Since: _____
(Mo/Yr)

Previous Address: _____
(Street) (City) (Zip/State)
From: _____ To: _____
(Mo/Yr) (Mo/Yr)

PPrevious Address: _____
(Street) (City) (Zip/State)
From: _____ To: _____
(Mo/Yr) (Mo/Yr)

Social Security Number: _____ Birthdate: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Drivers License Number/State: _____

The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

I hereby authorize the **Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society (JEMS)** and its designated agents and representatives to conduct a comprehensive review of my background causing a consumer report and/or an investigative consumer report to be generated for employment and/or volunteer purposes. I understand that the scope of the consumer report/ investigative consumer report may include, but is not limited to the following areas: verification of social security number; credit reports, current and previous residences; employment history, education background, character references; drug testing, civil and criminal history records from any criminal justice agency in any or all federal, state, county jurisdictions; driving records, birth records, and any other public records.

I further authorize any individual, company, firm, corporation, or public agency (including the Social Security Administration and law enforcement agencies) to divulge any and all information, verbal or written, pertaining to me, to **Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society (JEMS)** or its agents. I further authorize the complete release of any records or data pertaining to me which the individual, company, firm, corporation, or public agency may have, to include information or data received from other sources.

**** Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society (JEMS)** and its designated agents and representatives shall maintain all information received from this authorization in a confidential manner in order to protect the applicants personal information, including, but not limited to, addresses, social security numbers, and dates of birth.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Notice to California, Minnesota and Oklahoma Residents
Please check the box below if you wish to receive a copy of a consumer report that is requested
 I wish to receive a copy of any Background Check Report on me that is requested.