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STF Vision

To establish our identity as God's children and to take ownership of God's dream

STF Mission Statement

STF is a full-time, 1-year mission program which is part of the 2-year public mission course recommended by the European Youth Department. The program uses the education tools of fundraising, witnessing, as well as service projects to help members develop their faith.

STF is designed especially for young Unificationists who desire to contribute to the *Unification Movement* and society by inheriting True Parents' tradition.

Through the STF mission, young Unificationists will solidify their commitment to live a public life, as an active part of the *Unification Movement*.

Learning Objectives

- Develop personal relationships to God and True Parents
- Developing one's character in preparation for the Blessing
- Develop a deeper understanding of the Principle and its application to daily life

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Overview of the STF Educational Course

The European Youth Department has developed a 2-year educational public mission course for young Unificationists to develop the understanding of their identity and relationship with God, True Parents, True Family and the *Unification Movement*.

The first year (STF) focuses on deepening one's spiritual life through frontline activities such as fundraising and witnessing.

The second year is focused on finding environments where the member can effectively contribute to the providence and gain practical skills to integrate within their spiritual life. During this year, participants will learn how to guide and lead others through their example.

We would like to emphasize that STF is just part of the process of taking ownership over one's life, not an end in itself.

The STF Year

The STF program leads participants step by step through a variety of activities (fundraising, witnessing, education, service projects etc.) to discovering God on an individual level and become God's loving, filial children. Frontline experience, especially fundraising and team-life, gives a taste of unity and victory through overcoming challenges. In that environment of faith, love, and trust amongst the participants and staff, heavenly fortune is mobilized and members deeply experience God's love for them and the rest of the world.

Through witnessing members learn to share their faith with others and to be confident in standing up for their beliefs. In this process a personal relationship with God is created and members gain confidence in their potential, value, and identity as young Unificationists and future leaders.

2nd Year

For those who choose to do a 2nd year of public mission, the program is designed to educate on three different levels. First it allows the members to contribute effectively to the providence and to providential organizations. Second, it strives to put members in situations and environments where they can integrate their spiritual education with practical work experience. Lastly, it encourages the members to develop their passions and talents, so they can be empowered to further their education after their 2nd year.

By placing themselves into positions of responsibility for younger Unificationists and society, members experience the reality of God's heart on a much deeper level and the necessity for a strong life of faith becomes even more apparent.

2nd year members have the opportunity to continue with STF, contributing to the program as a possible fundraising and/or witnessing team leader. Other options include joining YSI (www.youthserviceinitiative.org), or contributing for a year in internships with different providential organizations.



Program Overview

Workshops

The STF program starts with a kick-off workshop. We aim to prepare participants for the year ahead so they can have the right attitude and understanding of the program through Divine Principle lectures, receiving internal guidance, hearing testimonies, playing sports, and preparing for fundraising.

After the fundraising experience, in January there will be a workshop focusing on Divine Principle education in preparation for witnessing.

After the second quarter (March, April) STF participants and parents will have the opportunity to spend precious moments together during a Parents Workshop. The purpose of this workshop is to give STF participants' parents an opportunity to connect more deeply and support their children's experience on the frontline.

In addition, throughout the year, participants will meet regularly for smaller workshops to reflect, evaluate their investment, and re-determine for further projects.

As conclusion to their STF year, there will also be a graduation workshop for the participants that will involve a lot of reflection and planning for after STF.



Fundraising

Fundraising gives the STF members fundamental experiential, spiritual training for strengthening mind-body unity, living a public life, gaining dominion over time, space, and all things, and solidifies their relationship with God by teaching ways to mobilize spirit world. This acts as a foundation of faith and helps them to deepen their conviction, commitment, and strengthen their conscience to repel all types of temptations in order to develop a proper sense of ownership.

Fundraising also contributes to running the STF program and the funding of the youth work in the European movement. Fundraising also covers the costs of the participant, so each person is expected to cover his/her expenses. Based on this expectation, each STF member's results will be evaluated.

Emphasis on Teamwork:

While living together as a team and striving to achieve a common goal, STF members learn how to unite and work harmoniously with others based on God-centered objectives. New teams will be put together throughout the year, so that various aspects of human character can be experienced.

Emphasis on Goals:

Without setting up goals that challenge our limitations of faith, thought, and heart it is not possible to grow spiritually. Therefore, STF members are encouraged to set a clear internal plan (internal goals) and clear objectives (external goals) and strive to reach those goals every day. They are also guided to purify their motivation and focus on the process to achieve them. Through striving towards their greatest potential and experiencing the joy of challenging and overcoming their limitations, STF members will find their value in relationship to God, True Parents, and the True Family.



Witnessing

STF members learn to witness, give lectures, and take care of guests in teams. Through witnessing and establishing lasting friendships, they will discover and develop their parental heart and love for God, True Parents and others, and gain a deeper understanding of the Divine Principle. At the same time they learn to organize events, Service activities, and workshops.



Guiding Younger Unificationists

During the winter and summer vacations, some members will be asked to help staff national HARP workshops and European Summer Activities. This gives them the opportunity to share what they have learned and experienced, as well as to train as a workshop group /team/ leader, staff member and be an example as an elder brother/sister.

Graduation Requirements

The graduation of STF marks a significant achievement in one year of mission. Therefore, in order to graduate STF, the participant needs to fulfill the following criteria:

- Full participation in the whole year of STF
- Satisfactory performance in the STF mission
- During the year, the participant's contribution and investment will be evaluated by the STF staff and feedback on the participants performance will be given in order to help the member evaluate his/her own performance.

Preparation

Application Process - STF requirements

We believe that all STF participants will benefit from the program if those applying are self-motivated in their desire to take ownership of their spiritual lives and furthering God's Providence.

The requirements to participate in STF Europe will be as follows:

- 1. Written application**
- 2. ODP+ workshop graduation**
- 3. STF fee of EUR 500,-**
- 4. Valid Passport for the entire duration of STF**
- 5. Age 18+**

Below is a brief explanation of this year's application procedure:

1. Written application requirements:

- An application form
- Essay questionnaire for the applicant
- Essay questionnaire for the parents
- A medical record Letters of Recommendation from your local church leader/ youth leader.

2. ODP+ Workshop

In our aim to help our applicants prepare for STF, we will ask all who consider joining STF Europe to prepare for and participate in the Original Divine Principle Plus (ODP+) Workshop.

Organized by SAWS Europe, this is a chance to experience the core values of Father's teaching. This Workshop emphasizes the importance of connecting more personally to God, True Parents, and True Family.

The Workshop content also includes the CTA (Completed Testament Age) lecture series. There are also adventure days and regular sports as the part of schedule. A lot of the atmosphere that makes this workshop so successful comes from the energy that participants build in their teams. This workshop is especially recommended to all young Unificationists in their last 2 years of high school.

Through the process of attending the ODP+ workshop we feel confident that we can allow all applicants to make a strong and clear personal commitment in front of God, True Parents, their family, and friends as to how they want to improve themselves during their STF mission.

The ODP+ Workshop is now a requirement for all those who wish to join STF. If you haven't attended any of the ODP+ workshops, there is one planned this summer and you must attend in order to join STF in 2011.

3. STF fee EUR 500

The purpose of the fee is to demonstrate commitment to participation from the participants to the STF program. From an internal point of view, the participation fee for the STF program shows one's desire to improve their life of faith by participating in the STF program. However, the fee is not just symbolic; it is primarily used to start the program by covering the costs of preparations and the kick-off workshop.

The fee is € 500 and must be fully paid at the beginning of the participant's STF year. Those who are not able to pay the full fee by the kick-off workshop will not be able to join the STF Program. If for any reason at all there are complications about this requirement please get in touch with us.

We strongly recommend that applicants find a way to raise some part or the entire amount by themselves, rather than ask their parents for it. In this way we want to encourage a true personal contribution to the program that would help develop a sense of ownership for your life commitments.

4. Valid passport for the entire duration of STF

STF members will travel between different countries throughout their time on the STF program, thus it is necessary that each participant have a valid passport that remains valid throughout their time on the STF program.

Attention all international applicants: *For any applicants that are not EU citizens, it is not possible to acquire a VISA to guarantee a year-long legal stay in Europe. If an international applicant still wishes to join the STF program, they must be aware of the possibility of problems arising during the year regarding their VISA-situation. STF will not be held responsible for anyone who encounters International VISA issues.*

Internal Preparation

Finding Desire and Commitment

The most important preparation before coming to STF can be done only by the participant: Finding your own desire and reason to come to STF, and making a commitment for a time period. The decision to come to STF should not be somebody else's decision; you have to make your own decision. Only if the decision to come to STF is your own, can you persevere through challenging situations without giving up, simply because you have your own desire to be on STF.

Furthermore, candidates should make clear personal goals for themselves prior to coming to the program. The more meaningful these goals are, the more drive they will find to maintain their determination throughout their time on STF. New members should arrive with the determination that they will keep their commitment throughout the entire year. With this kind of internal preparation, a new member can grow and develop very rapidly.

Aligning with STF vision and goals

The main vision of STF is to establish our identity as God's children and to take ownership of God's dream. It is important to understand that the mission is designed specifically for this purpose and through aligning to that purpose you will truly have a great growing experience. Before you come to STF you need to take the time to connect to this vision. You should make a clear plan of how to apply everything you will learn and gain on STF once you finish the program. It is important to understand that STF is not the end of one's spiritual development.

Living a Healthy Spiritual Life

The daily STF schedule always consists of Pledge and hoon dok hwe that nurture the spirit. We recommend that candidates evaluate their current daily life with the following checklist in mind. Maintaining or building these habits can prepare anyone considering joining STF to embrace our schedule of frontline standards:

- **Pledge Service**
- **Hoon Dok Hwe**
- **Prayer and studying God's Word**
- **Reporting to parents**
- **Choosing good friends**
- **Serving family and community**
- **Attending Sunday service**
- **Being active in society**
- **Tithing**

Recommended - List of what to bring

- **STF Europe Participation Fee: € 500 (in cash, no checks); can be paid in advance**
- **The Exposition of the Divine Principle (English version required; you can bring an extra copy in your own language if needed)**
- **PASSPORT** (if you have more than one nationality please bring all passports); **check the expiration date – it should not expire before January 2013.**
- **Journal/ Notebook**, one for lectures and morning services, one as a diary
- **Toiletries** for one month (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, razors, creams, lotions, shampoo, conditioner); basic toiletries will be provided throughout the rest of the year (toothpaste, soap, shampoo)

Clothes for 1 year both summer and winter:

- Formal clothes and dress shoes for Holy Days and special events
- 3-4 short-sleeve shirts, preferably with collars
- 3-4 long-sleeve shirts or sweatshirts (jumpers)
- 4-7 t-shirts
- 3-4 trousers/pants (not sweatpants)
- 2-3 pairs of shorts (below the knee)
- 1-2 sports trousers/pants
- 7-8 pairs of underwear
- 7-8 pairs of socks
- 1 winter jacket (should be durable and in a color that does not need to be washed that often, does not need to be expensive, but needs to be of good quality material, has to be water-proof and warm)
- Winter gear: gloves, hat, scarf, wool socks, thermal underwear (especially in winter some members may be fundraising in colder climates; i.e. Canada. Those members need to have very good winter gear. If they do not have proper gear, they will have to buy it in Canada at their own expense.)
- 1 rain jacket (against wind, can also be used in spring and autumn)
- Swimming suit / shorts
- 2 towels
- Slippers, for indoors in the winter (we recommend 'sandal type', to avoid bad smells)
- Trainers / sports shoes (with arch support)
- **Good walking shoes/ hiking shoes, waterproof, good for winter**
- **Sleeping bag with case (small and compact is best)**
- **Laundry Bag**
- **Wrist Watch**
- **ISIC or IYIC Card, international student identity card or international youth identity card (check www.isic.org for the closest issuing office)**
- **Insurance card or copy of medical cover/travel insurance (please, make sure your insurance is valid in Europe and North America)**

- Medicine if you need a particular kind
- Small waist bag or purse to keep your ID in, can also be useful for fundraising
- Small **alarm clock** (should be very 'effective'); and should be an alarm separate from a person's personal phone as those will not be allowed
- Some money or credit/debit card for extra clothes or emergency needs
- 2 back packs (1 for your belongings, 1 empty for fundraising)

List of what NOT to bring

- More clothes than described above
- Any valuables that you do not want to lose, including too much cash
- Mobile phones: we have found that they have brought unnecessary distraction. All team leaders have mobile phone that can be used for emergency cases. -All mobile phones found will be asked to be given in for the duration of the program.
- Anything you may use to make yourself unduly attractive such as make up, jewelry, or provocative clothes.
- Unnecessary electronics- any found will be asked to be given in for the duration of the program (PSP, gameboy, DVD players, laptops, BlackBerrys, I-touch, I-phone, etc...)

If you have questions, please, do not hesitate to contact us.

Clothes

Laundry is done on an average of once a week. Bringing an excess of clothes will only cause inconvenience to yourself and those around you.

Label all clothes and belongings.

Put your name on all luggage, clothes and socks, as laundry is always done publicly. It helps a lot in finding your clothes again after any workshop or activity.

As there will be a lot of travelling throughout the year, often with all your belongings, it is for your own benefit not to bring more than what you can carry. Also consider that if you take an airplane during the year, only a limited amount of weight is allowed, **the rest will have to be paid for by you personally.** For the sake of your own personal expense and convenience as well, we list a recommended amount of clothing in the list below.

All your belongings should fit into these bags:

- **2 medium size duffle / sports bag (Size limit: 70cm x 40cm x 35cm per bag.)** You will only be able to bring one bag with you on your fundraising and witnessing conditions; the other bag you will leave with STF. (Note: Suitcases are not recommended)
- **A sleeping bag**
- **Backpack**

STF Policies

Expenses

STF will cover the expenses of food, lodging, transportation during the program, workshops, basic needs of medication, mail (only letters – not packages), and basic toiletries. All other personal expenses are expected to be paid for by the participants.

In case members need to replace something (e.g. worn out shoes or missing socks) STF will cover the expenses within a certain budget. When members would like something that is not considered a necessity or is beyond the given budget, participants are asked to cover that expense themselves. If clothes are not labeled and are lost during laundry, STF will not cover that expense.

Here is STF's current budget for replacement clothing:

- Shoes: 40€; Socks:2€
- Underwear: 5€
- Trousers: 30€
- T-shirts: 15€
- Sweater: 25€
- Jacket: 30€
- Watch: 10€
- Back pack: 15€

Matching and Blessing

STF participants are advised not to apply for the matching or attend the Blessing during the STF program (especially not in the first year). The purpose of the program is to prepare for the Blessing; providing character education and opportunities to develop a strong life of faith. We believe that the matching and Blessing should occur after a strong sense of identity is established, and therefore members should be given the opportunity to focus on that without the distraction of the matching process. Furthermore, a Blessing workshop will be held once during the year for the education of all STF members.

Leaving STF for Special Reasons

STF members are expected to attend the entire schedule throughout the year. There should be no alternate schedules arranged by parents or members themselves during their STF time commitment.

This includes special visits to relatives or days off on any Unification Church, Christian and secular holidays. Because the STF mission is very carefully structured and scheduled for the sake of the participants' spiritual growth, an unplanned break in focus and momentum can be very disruptive to the objectives of the mission for both the individual and other team members. If your child must go home for any personal or family reasons the participant and the parents are expected to first contact the STF office. Upon evaluating each case a decision will be made.

In general, if an STF member is absent for more than 30 days within the STF year for any reason, they will not be allowed to continue participating and graduate.

In case of a family emergency, please contact the STF staff.

University Applications

If you are planning to study after STF, you will most likely need to apply for university while on STF. The process for applying for university differs from country to country. However, if possible, take care of as much of it as you can before coming to STF. Try to get as much of the paperwork done as possible and if certain forms can only be sent later on in the year, prepare them so that your parents or someone else can do the rest for you, as it is very distracting and complicated to try to organize this while attending the program. If it is absolutely necessary that you are in the country while applying because of interviews, etc., you need to inform us before starting STF, as leaving the program for any reason is usually not permitted. As a policy, with permission STF will allow members a maximum of one week to return home and work on university applications. Furthermore, if a member has to go home for any reason it is important to remember that they will be responsible for covering the travel cost.

The Minimum Standard for STF members

For the sake of creating a good environment for the spiritual growth and training of all participants the following behaviors are strictly prohibited.

- Intentional and serious sexual violations: pornography, masturbation, language and appearance that are obviously and consciously attracting the opposite gender, romantic relationships between brothers and sisters, or attempting to arrange matchings between brothers and sisters-
- Buying, selling, using and possessing alcohol, tobacco, and/or drugs
- Misusing public money
- Intentional and disobedient conduct towards STF staff and guidelines; foul language toward the staff and other members
- Breaking secular law
- Regular refusal to participate in the daily schedule

- Creating repeated relationship problems within the teams

When members are not able to respect STF rules, consequences such as temporary suspension and dismissal from the program will be enforced. These violations will lead to suspension or expulsion of participants from the program when no will for change is found present.

Music

Music should be uplifting and is best enjoyed within a group. Furthermore, STF staff discourages individualistic attitudes in our teams/centers, and encourage STF members to build genuine family relationships with brothers and sisters.

For this reason STF only allows to listen to personal music on specific personal free time and long journeys. Please note that devices that have the function to connect to the internet (I-touch, I-phone etc.) are not permitted on STF. Any of these items found in the possession of participants will be confiscated for the duration of the program.

Dress Code

STF members are all representatives of God, True Parents, and our movement as a whole. Therefore, all members are asked to dress accordingly. Learning to present yourself with pride and dignity is an important part of expressing who you are as a son or daughter of God

- Top: polo shirts and collar shirts preferred over T-shirts; no tight clothes, no sleeveless shirts, and no low-cut shirts or shirts which show the stomach or back.
- Bottom: Jeans, trousers; no baggy pants; no tight pants
- No clothes that are torn, stained, or tattered. We want a fresh, clean look. This includes hairstyles. Piercings and tattoos should be hidden from view as well.

Communication between Parents and Children

STF staff encourages members to communicate with their parents through letters and phone calls. All participants will have the chance to call home once every 2 weeks for a period of 1 hour. We do ask however, to please understand that although we endeavor to have our participants call, due to the local circumstances there is always the possibility that a phone call cannot be made on the expected time.

For this reason we need the parents' collaboration in waiting for their children to call them at the next possible opportunity. Letters can always be sent to the STF Europe Office and will then be forwarded to the team's newest location. If teams are stationed in one location for many months, we will inform you of the address.

In the case of emergency, parents should call the STF Europe Office and the staff will get in touch with the participant in the fastest way possible +49-69-74745933.

Participants will be uniquely challenged through their growing process in public missions and they will experience new and powerful situations every day. If a participant happens to give their parents some extreme explanation of their daily activity that causes the parents to worry, please communicate with your parent representative or the STF Europe staff for a complete explanation of the situation before drawing a full conclusion. Experience has shown that when parents hear a rounded explanation of the entire situation it greatly assists them in understanding not only the particular struggle of their child, but the context, reasoning, purpose and value of that experience.

STF members always appreciate and feel deep love from their parents' encouragement. They also like to listen to their parents' stories of victories and struggles from their own life of faith. After experiencing frontline life children are able to understand their parents' past mission experiences more intimately. Through such conversations they gain great power and feel much closer to their parents. All STF newcomers will face new challenges and see themselves from a different viewpoint than before. In calling home they may be looking for support in order to accept such challenges as a part of their growing process. So we suggest that when they call you at home that you may encourage them in such a way.

Parents Committee

The Parent's Committee, simply put, is a system whereby every parent with a child on STF is connected to a parent representative who passes on news and information from STF in order to keep them informed about what their child is doing and what is happening on STF.

The STF experience has an impact on the entire family. The parents are moved to see their child experience a spiritual awakening through fundraising and witnessing. The child begins understanding what his parents went through and a much deeper level of communication begins to open between parents and child.

The role of the Parent's Committee is to help make the STF year a good experience for the whole family. Your parent representative is available to answer any questions you might have, to calm any fears you might have, and to tell you it is normal to be worried about your child, but you have to let them have their own experience through STF. Sometimes your parent representative might not have the answer to the questions you pose. In that case we refer your question to the STF staff and serve as the communication channel between you and the STF staff.

Part of our role is also to help and support the STF staff. If STF HQ was being flooded with numerous emails from concerned parents all around the world they

would have less time to focus on taking care of your children. And that should be their primary activity. The Parent's Committee also tries to support the members of STF by being present at the kick-off and the New Year Workshop. They seem to appreciate having some parents present for those workshops and they are glad to know that we are trying to keep you informed and share our experience of having children on STF.

Internal Care Support (ICS) - (replacing previous IW- Itinerant Worker)

During the STF program participants are challenged in many ways and they can find themselves struggling for various reasons. The ICS staff visits STF teams on a regular basis; taking personal care of STF members and guiding them in their course of STF public mission. Additionally they provide supervision and support for STF members and evaluate their performance based on the STF vision and goals. The ICS staff communicates directly with the STF director and is responsible for good communication in regards to the team and personal situations. We ask that our ICS staff members have a good personal foundation from his/her own personal front line experience, with a high spiritual standard, knowledge of the Divine Principle, good communication skills, as well as suitable management abilities. These staff members are ideally people who are successfully blessed, University graduates that have some working experience taking care of youth.

Health and Safety

Providing a healthy and safe environment for the spiritual growth of the STF members is of primary importance to the staff.

Meals

The STF staff makes an effort to provide healthy food, as well as encouraging members to practice eating well. We would also like parents to encourage their children to choose healthy food and improve their eating habits if necessary

Medical / Dental Care

The cost of any medical or dental visits, prescribed medicines, and any other uniquely personal medicines should be covered by the STF members or their parents.

STF will provide only the following medicine: Commonly used over-the-counter medicines, such as ibuprofen, cough and cold remedies, digestive aids, etc.

We would like to make you aware that STF is physically and mentally challenging and requires good health. At the same time, during the program it is extremely difficult and expensive to take care of medical problems. Therefore we request

everybody to prepare through physical exercise, especially training your joints and back. If your health causes you to be unable to participate fully in the program for a longer period, you will be asked to return home at your own cost until you recover.

In addition, every participant is required to have an overall health check (especially back, knees, feet and joints) at their doctor's and send a copy of the certificate with their application form.

STF applicants who have physical problems or have had serious diseases must give a detailed explanation in the application form.

Dental problems or orthodontic care should be taken care of before coming to STF Europe. Because STF members travel frequently, it is not easy to find dentists or go to orthodontists.

Medical Insurance

You absolutely need to get some form of medical coverage/travel insurance for the year ahead of you, as a group insurance is not possible to organize. A good way to arrange this is for citizens of most European nations to get an E111 form (or its equivalent for countries such as Switzerland and Eastern Europe etc.) from your regular health insurance (in case of the UK at the post office). This will already cover most countries you will go to. In addition travel insurance is advisable; rates start as low as €80 a year.

If you don't have medical insurance and need to see a doctor, it will be expected that you cover the costs by yourself. Additionally, the doctor's bill will be sent directly to those who receive medical attention.

Safety Guidance for Fundraising

- Fundraising after dark is done in pairs, especially for sisters.
- All team leaders carry mobile phones for emergency situations.
- Approaching customers: Members are taught to cut off conversation and walk away when a customer makes strange comments or actions that imply a sexual motivation. Members are taught not to go into an enclosed room, house or office. Members are taught not to approach any customer in the dark when there are no people around.
- Trust and follow your intuition: Members are taught to call their team leaders immediately when they do not feel comfortable with the area. They should not worry about customers' "salvation", but should walk away from them if they feel uncomfortable.

Safe Driving

STF Europe provides most teams with experienced, professional drivers. These drivers are all blessed family members that can provide the best internal and external environment for the teams' safety.

Drivers, team leaders, and members receive lectures on safe driving rules. Some of our driving rules are:

- Always wear seatbelts (including those in the backseat)
- Keep traffic rules
- No eating while driving
- Use a hands-free device while driving and talking on the cellular phone
- No looking at maps while driving
- Drivers must get a sufficient amount of rest, even missing some of the schedule if necessary.
- During long journeys, drivers will take shifts and must always have at least one co-driver.

Participants with a driving license will only usually be asked to drive, if needed, in shifts on long journeys. Especially since many are new drivers, before they are allowed to drive, the staff will evaluate their driving skills as well as give them extra training on driving a van. The staff is very aware of the dangers on the road and will not allow anyone to drive without making sure they are qualified and dependable.





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STF Europe Application 2011-2012

Dear STF applicants, families and friends,

We would like to announce the latest information for the 2011-2012 year of STF Europe. This update includes dates for the upcoming STF year, information about the application process, as well as reminders for those preparing to attend the program.

Be sure to also read thoroughly through the **STF Europe 2011-2012 Handbook**, as it contains all the information about the program, and requirements to be accepted as a participant. Also practical information, like a list of what to bring and the expenses of the program, are included

The 2011-2012 STF year will begin with a kick-off workshop in Schmitten, Germany September 16, 2011.

The current deadline for STF Europe applications is as follows:

International applicants (non-EU): May 15th, 2011

European applicants: June 15th, 2011

How to apply: Fill out the application form

1. Email to: stfeurope@esgd.org
OR
2. Mail to: STF Europe Alt-Sossenheim 63-65, 65936 Frankfurt a.M.

All forms can be downloaded from the European 2nd Generation Department Website (www.esgd.org). Please make sure to submit all application materials so that your application can be considered.

Please note that it is a requirement to attend the ODP+ workshop prior to attending the STF program. The STF staff has made the decision that we will allow all applicants that have applied by the deadline to attend the ODP+ Workshop. We are limited in the number of people that we can accept on the program this year, so the ODP+ Workshop will be a try-out for STF members. From the ODP+ Workshop an evaluation will be made as to whether or not you will be accepted into the STF program. Please sign-up for the ODP+ workshop by the deadline. More information about the workshop can be found at www.esgd.org. Those that are not accepted will have the opportunity to participate in the DONE program for three months and then joining the STF program in January 2012.

International applicants: We want to remind all international applicants that the STF program cannot take care of obtaining VISA's. Therefore those that attend the STF-Europe program without a valid VISA will do so at their own risk.

Age requirement: The STF staff has made the decision to set an age requirement for all STF members. Anyone interested in joining the STF program must become 18 in the calendar year of 2011. Any other applicants have the possibility to attend the DONE program as an alternative with the possibility of joining the STF program in January 2012 after having received recommendation from the DONE staff. Please note that DONE also has a limited capacity.

We look forward to receiving all your application. Please feel free to send any questions to stfeurope@esgd.org.

Sincerely,

STF Europe Staff
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STF Application Check List

To fully complete the application process you must submit all the listed items. If you are unable to include certain documents in the packet, please write the circumstances in the comments section next to the appropriate item.

Please do NOT send in the packet uncompleted.

Item

Comments

1. Passport size profile picture

2. Completed application form

3. Insurance information

4. (1) Recommendation letter

(From church leader or youth leader)

5. (2) Essays

6. Parents Questionnaire

7. Read STF Handbook and signed STF Code



Passport size picture of the applicant

2011 - 2012 Application Form

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____
 Home Address (Street) _____
 City _____ Country _____ Zip Code _____
 Home Phone _____ Email _____
 Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy) _____ T-Shirt Size _____ Gender: Male ___ Female ___
 Have you been matched? Yes ___ No ___ (If Blessed) Blessing Year _____

PARENT'S INFORMATION

Father's Name _____	Mother's Name _____
Phones _____	Phones: _____
Home: _____	Home: _____
Work : _____	Work : _____
Mobile : _____	Mobile : _____
Email _____	Email _____

Home Address (if different from above) _____
 City _____ Country _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone _____ Blessing Year / Couples _____ / _____

INSURANCE

European Health Insurance Card /E111/



Date of Expiration (dd/mm/yy) ___/___/___

Private Health Insurance

Company _____

Type _____

Tel. No. _____

Policy # _____

Date of Expiration (dd/mm/yy) ___/___/___

PASSPORT

Full Passport Name _____
 Country of Citizenship _____ Passport # _____
 Expiration Date (dd/mm/yy) _____ Visa Status _____

SIBLING INFORMATION

Name	Date of Birth	Occupation	Year of STF participation (if participated)

HEALTH INFORMATION

What kind of sports/exercises have you done during high school?

Please explain if you have any concerns and why (previous injuries, surgeries, family history, etc.):

Flat feet: _____

Knees: _____

Back/Neck: _____

Scoliosis: _____

Asthma: _____

Please explain in detail any short or long-term physical ailment(s) other than above.

MORE PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. What kind of church-related activities have you been involved in during your high school years? (Witnessing or visiting churches with parents, leading youth ministry, work with HARP, staff at workshops, service activities, etc.)

2. What kind of work experiences have you had, if any? Please describe the nature of your employment and how long you worked.

Work	Duration	Description of your job

4. What kind of extra-curricular activities (sports, music, school clubs, volunteer work, etc.) have you been involved in during your high school years? Please describe if you have received any awards or held any positions.

Activity	Duration of the Activity	Description

5. What did you do in the time period between high school graduation and applying to STF?

6. Describe your main skills, hobbies, and interests.

7. What are you planning to do after STF?

8. Please, share freely any additional information you would like the STF staff to know about you, besides points mentioned above.

ESSAY QUESTIONNAIRE FOR APPLICANTS

Applicant's Name: _____

Essay #1:

Why do I want to be a part of this STF mission and what I hope to gain from it? Outline what led you to make your decision to apply to STF, and include any important background information that may have influenced your decision. This essay should be a minimum of 500 words and maximum 1000:

Essay #2:

What do I hope to gain from this year of STF? How do I plan to contribute to the Unification Movement and God's Providence as a result of your STF experience? What are my future plans? This essay should be a minimum of 500 words and maximum 1000:

- Please include both essays in your completed application and check the essays off of the check list.

ESSAY QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PARENTS

Applicant's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Questions:

- 1. Could you describe what you have done in the area of developing your child's spiritual life?
/Pledge, HDH, DP study, workshops, etc./*
 - 2. Describe your child's good qualities.*
 - 3. Describe your child's difficulties.*
 - 4. Describe your child's relationship with the Blessed Children community.*
 - 5. What is your child's motivation to participate in the STF program?*
 - 6. Are there any specific problems that we need to consider in working with your child?*
 - 7. What is your child's plan after STF?*
 - 8. In your opinion, what do you expect to be the outcome of your child's time on the STF program?*
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1. *I want to participate in the Special Task Force – a one-year full-time mission program especially designed for young people of the Unification Movement.*

2. *I pledge to do my utmost to build a strong relationship with God, True Parents, and the True Family.*

3. *I pledge to follow the schedule and the directions of the organizers and staff for the whole duration of STF.*
 - *I pledge to not engage in exclusive brother-sister relationships*
 - *I pledge to not smoke, consumer alcoholic beverages, or consume illegal drugs/ substances*
 - *I pledge to follow the staff’s direction in all matters related to STF rules*

Furthermore, by signing this document, I state that I am aware of the consequences and repercussions following any violation of the STF rules/ guidelines. The consequences are as follows:

- **1st warning: verbal warning/ call home**
- **2nd warning: possible suspension**
- **3rd warning: possible expulsion from the program**

<i>I have read and understand the information laid out in the handbook and and have clearly decided to apply for STF</i>			
Applicant's Signature		Date	
<i>I have read and understand the information laid out in the handbook and I fully support my child’s decision to participate in STF</i>			
Father's Signature		Date	
Mother's Signature		Date	