

## **FFWPU Europe**

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### **STF Application**

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Dear national leaders, STF applicants, family and friends,

As STF Europe staff we are happy to begin application process for the next year. We are planning to start STF Europe 2016-2017 season on 12th September 2016 (arrival day for the Preparation Workshop) and conclude it on the 6th August 2017 (Graduation Ceremony day and start of departures).

If you were planning to apply it is highly recommended to open communication with your parents. The motivation and decision to participate should come from the participant and not from the parent forcing them to go. It has been the case several times before that the parents pushed their children to attend, resulting in unnecessary struggles, difficulties and lack of commitment to the schedule. Unity with parents and children regarding this decision is crucial to the application process and is the foundation for a successful year, resulting in a clear, personal motivation from the participant. At the beginning of the program there will be a trial week called STF Preparation Workshop, allowing everyone to finalize their decision to participate or to go back home.

STF program provides an active environment and gives opportunities to develop a strong, stable faith and relationship with God and True Parents. It focuses on a combination of studies and practical applications that aim to promote spiritual growth through activities such as HDH, team life and relationships, workshops, fundraising, witnessing as well as project activities. Throughout the duration of the year and particularly within these various aspects of the program, a selected staff of lecturers and Itinerary Workers will guide and lead with the focus of providing the best possible support for each participant. They aim to guide the participants in finding their own relationship with God as well as understanding their identity and value as a son or daughter of our Heavenly Parent.

#### **The current deadline for STF Europe applications are:**

International applicants (non-EU): June 15th, 2016

European applicants: June 30th, 2016

The application process is done on a first come, first serve basis, allowing for a maximum of 40 applicants as potential participants. After application you will receive the email confirming your place on the STF Europe Preparation Workshop 2016/2017.

The applicants wishing to join the STF Program must reach at least 18 years old before September 2016, and should have graduated from High School or College. It is recommended to consider the university application before attending the STF program. Usually a person can postpone their studies for a year after being accepted to university. It allows the participant to focus fully on the STF schedule without having to worry about making their university application and all the complications, expenses and stress that can follow this.

Please be aware that we are not limiting the program to only those in this age group. University graduates and those taking a gap year in their university studies have also had great experiences taking part in the STF program, contributing their greater maturity and life experience.

#### **The STF Preparation Workshop**

STF Preparation workshop is a time for the participants to gain a clearer understanding of the STF Europe Program. It is also a time for the STF staff to evaluate all participants and decide whether or not they have the qualification to attend STF Program. Therefore it is essential for all STF applicants to join and participate fully in STF Prep Workshop without any exceptions.

By sending to us STF Application form you are automatically registering to STF Preparation Workshop. After you receive confirmation email from STF staff and purchase your tickets to either Viena, Linz or Salzburg airport or Amstetten train station, please send us your arrival

details through this form:

[https:// form.jotform.co/60926052969869](https://form.jotform.co/60926052969869)

WS Dates: 12th September (arrival) to 19th September (departure in case you go home or arrival to STF Kickoff WS)

WS place: Gafrenz, Austria

Nearest airports: Linz (from London Stansted ), Salzburg (from London Stansted or Dublin), Vienna (for International arrivals).

We will pick you up from Amstetten train station, which you can reach by train from any mentioned airports. If you are able to team up to bigger groups or don't mind to wait a bit longer until group forms, then we will pick you up directly from airport.

Preparation WS fee: 200 EUR

(The STF fee will be as usual, 500EUR - STF applicants should bring this fee to the preparation workshop on the assumption that they will qualify to participate in STF 2016-17 program)

If you have any questions regarding the payment, please don't hesitate to contact the staff at [stfwsreg@gmail.com](mailto:stfwsreg@gmail.com)

Accepted to STF program participants will immediately proceed onto the full schedule of the STF program starting from 19th September with the "Kick-Off" workshop, which will prepare the participants for the first fundraising period of 2 weeks and for the exciting year, packed with rich experiences and numerous opportunities for the participant to grow to reach their full potential.

#### **International applicants (non EU) - VISA**

All international applicants for the STF program must take personal responsibility to secure an appropriate visa; STF Europe will not be responsible for taking care of obtaining visas on the participant's behalf.

#### **Health Insurance**

We will only accept participants who have one year health insurance!

#### **Passport**

Please renew your passport if it expires before December 2017 or you might not be able to participate in a summer project.

#### **How to apply for STF Europe 2016/17?**

1. Complete the application form online:  
[https:// form.jotforme.eu.com/60656195766367](https://form.jotforme.eu.com/60656195766367)
2. On receiving your completed application form, we will send you an STF handbook including more detailed information about how to prepare yourself for the STF year both internally and externally. Please take time to read it in detail to fully understand every aspect. The participant will be expected to especially understand the rules of the program so as not to have any misunderstandings throughout the year. Please also note that either you or your parents will be asked to take responsibility to pay for any items of clothing or equipment which are needed, that you fail to bring with you to STF.
3. The STF staff will review all applications and send responses as soon as possible during June and July 2016.

We look forward to receiving your applications. If you have any questions regarding the application process or the program itself please don't hesitate to contact the STF staff on [stfwsreg@gmail.com](mailto:stfwsreg@gmail.com).

Yours Sincerely,

Deborah Cali  
STF Europe Director

CHECKLIST: \*

<input type="checkbox"/> I have uploaded a passport style photo to the form
<input type="checkbox"/> My passport is not expiring before November 2017
<input type="checkbox"/> I have completed the application form
<input type="checkbox"/> My travel insurance is sorted
<input type="checkbox"/> I have asked our Church or Youth leader to send recommendation letter
<input type="checkbox"/> I have written my Essay
<input type="checkbox"/> My Parents have completed the parents questionnaire
<input type="checkbox"/> I have signed the STF code

Please upload your passport style picture \*

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

First name *	Middle Name	Last Name *
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Home Address (Street) *		
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Post Code *	City *	Country *
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Home Phone *	Mobile Phone	Email *
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Year of Birth *	Month of Birth *	Day of Birth *
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Gender *	T-shirt Size for Your Gender *	
.....	Choose One ▼	

Are you matched? *	Are you blessed? *	(If Blessed) Blessing Year
yes no	yes no	.....

**PARENTS' INFORMATION**

Father's Name *	Father's phone number *	Father's email *
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Mother's Name *	Mother's phone number *	Mother's email *
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Home Address (if different from above)		
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Blessing Year *		
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**HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION**

I will bring to STF \*

European Health Insurance Card  
E111

Private Health  
Insurance  
I don't  
know

Insurance expiry date \* Insurance contact tel. nr.  
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What is insured according to your insurance? (in few words) \*

### PASSPORT INFORMATION

Full Passport Name \* Country of Citizenship \* Expiry Date \*

### SIBLINGS INFORMATION

Name	Year of Birth	Occupation	Years in STF (if any)
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Other siblings: Name - Year of Birth - Occupation - Years of Participation in STF (if any)



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### HEALTH INFORMATION

If it is not applicable please put N/A

What kind of sports/excercises 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. \*

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3. 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. \*

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

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5. Describe your main skills, hobbies, and interests. \*

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6. What are you planning to do after STF? \*

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

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## ESSAY QUESTIONNAIRE FOR APPLICANTS

Essay #1:

Why do I want to be a part of the STF mission and what do I hope to gain from it?

(Note: Please be honest as this helps us to understand better your present situation and think how better to support you.)

Please cover these bullet points in your essay:

- o - Outline what led you to make your decision to apply to STF, and include any important background information that may have influenced your decision.
- o -What do you hope to gain from this year of STF?
- o -How do you plan to contribute to the Unification Movement as a result of your STF experience?
- o -What are your plans for the future after STF?

This essay should be a minimum of 500 words and maximum of 1000 words

Please copy and paste your essay into the text area below.

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## QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PARENTS - details can help us better support your son/daughter

Please ask your parents to answer the questionnaire in the text box below

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions:

1. Could you describe how you have supported your son/daughter's spiritual life? (e.g. family HDH, DP study, workshops, etc.)
2. Describe your son/daughter's strengths/good qualities
3. Describe your son/daughter's weaknesses/areas needing improvement
4. Describe your son/daughter's relationship with peers and Blessed Children in your local community
5. Are there any specific problems of which we need to be aware when supporting your son/daughter? (Particularly health issues that may affect their well-being)
6. What do you expect to be the outcome of your son/daughter's time on the STF program?

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## STF CODE OF CONDUCT 2016-2017

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 sincerely do my best to build a strong relationship with God and True Parents during the mission program.

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 male-female relationships, or create an environment that is in any way a distraction to others

-I pledge to not smoke, consume alcoholic drinks, or illegal drugs/ substances

(Please note that what you may have done in the past is not the point rather that you are setting a new standard for your life on STF and after)

By signing this document, I acknowledge that I am aware of the consequences of any violation of the STF rules/ guidelines. The consequences are as follows:

1st warning: verbal warning/ STF staff call your parents

2nd warning: you may be suspended from the STF program for a short period

3rd warning: you may be required to permanently leave the STF program

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I have completed the application form, read the above information and made my own decision to apply for STF

Please Sign \*

Clear

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As parents we fully support our child's decision to participate in STF

Please Sign \*

Clear

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I agree that photos with my image taken during my participation on STF can be shared publicly on STF website and STF facebook page

Enter the message as it's shown \*

Submit