Hosanna Ministry Application Guidelines

Purpose

This document outlines the application process for religious sisters and nuns seeking support from Hosanna Ministry, Inc. to pursue graduate studies in theology in the U.S. This support includes academic scholarships, assistance with language and cultural transitions, and participation in spiritual enrichment retreats.

Eligibility Criteria

1. **Religious Affiliation**: Applicant must be a Catholic religious sister or nun.
2. **Country of Origin**: Applicants must be from a country where solid Catholic education is not available with a demonstrated need for support in their mission.
3. **Educational Goals**: Applicant must be pursuing or intending to pursue graduate studies in theology at a recognized Catholic institution in the United States.
4. **Commitment to Mission**: Applicant must demonstrate a commitment to returning to their home country after completing their studies to continue their mission of evangelization and service.

Application Process

1. **Application Submission**
    - **Letter of Intent**: A personal statement outlining the applicant's background, vocation story, and specific educational goals. It should also include an introduction to the applicants' religious community, and how the formation received might help them to further their mission upon returning home.
    - **Financial Need Statement**: A detailed statement outlining the applicant's financial situation, and the specific support requested from Hosanna Ministry, including estimated costs for tuition, living expenses, and etc.
    - **Letter of Introduction from one's Superior**: A letter is required from the applicant's superior to confirm one's membership in the community, serve as a character reference, and outline/confirm the applicant's needs.

        - **Proof of Admission**: A copy of the letter of admission or conditional admission to a graduate program in theology from a recognized Catholic institution in the U.S.
        - **Passport and Visa Information**: Copy of a valid passport and U.S. visa, if applicable.

2. **Review Process**
    - **Initial Screening**: Hosanna Ministry board members will conduct an initial review of the submitted application to ensure all required documents are provided and the applicant meets the eligibility criteria.
    - **Evaluation Committee**: Eligible applications will be forwarded to the Hosanna Ministry Evaluation Committee, comprising representatives from Catholic institutions, clergy, and experienced missionaries. The Evaluation Committee shall provide a report and recommendation to the Hosanna Ministry Board concerning eligible applications.
    - **Interview**: Candidates may be invited for a virtual interview to further discuss their application.
3. **Decision and Notification**
    - **Decision**: The Hosanna Ministry Board will make a decision based on the application, interview, and alignment with Hosanna Ministry's mission. The decision will be communicated to the applicant within 60 days of the application deadline.
    - **Notification**: Successful applicants will receive an official acceptance letter outlining the details of the support offered, including any conditions or requirements.
    - **Agreement**: Recipients must sign an agreement acknowledging the support provided by Hosanna Ministry and committing to the terms of the scholarship, including the intention to return to their home country to continue their mission.
4. **Post-Acceptance Requirements**
    - **Commitment to pray for Benefactors:** Recipients are expected to remember the benefactors of Hosanna Ministry in their daily prayers while they are receiving support.
    - **Participation in Fundraiser Event**: Scholarship recipients are required to attend at least one of the fundraiser events hosted by Hosanna Ministry during their time studying in the U.S.

- **End-of-Study Report**: Upon completion of their studies, recipients must submit a final report detailing their experience, how the support from Hosanna Ministry contributed to their education, and their plans for returning to their home country.

Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**: Applications must be submitted by April 1st.
- **Spring Semester**: Applications must be submitted by September 1st.

Contact Information

For questions, or to request an application form, please contact:

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