

Zap Educational Fund

Education is a high priority for families. There are many challenges which missionaries face in trying to educate their children. Often it is extremely expensive to have to send a child overseas or to a different country to receive the best education possible. The ZAP educational endowment was established by the leadership of Converge in recognition of the priorities and challenges of present day educational opportunities. A motivated and interested donor has begun this small effort to address a few of the issues facing our present-day missionaries and the education of their children. In the future, we are trusting that this fund will grow for the glory of God and for the advancement of our mission and those who serve as our missionaries.

How to get started

1. In a separate document, please address the following items in two pages or less (no more than 1000 words).
 - a) Present family/ ministry situation
 - b) Conversion experience
 - c) Christian service record and experience
 - d) Objectives and desire for higher education
 - e) Prospective life goals and outcomes after your educational experience
2. In addition, please have your pastor or teacher write a reference letter.
3. Fill out the application form and upload supporting two-page essay and reference letter.
 - a) <https://convergeworldwide.wufoo.com/forms/zap-educational-endowment-application/>
4. Ensure you meet the minimum requirements and meet the official deadlines.

Grant Principles

1. The applicant must be a member of a missionary family currently serving on a recognized missionary field of a Baptist missionary organization such as Converge.
2. The applicant must be in the process of applying to a recognized college or university for their undergraduate degree.
 - a. If a non-Christian school the applicant is strongly encouraged to become involved in a Christian campus ministry such as Inter-Varsity or Campus Crusade.
3. The applicant must have maintained a 3.0 average while in high school.
4. The applicant must have a high commitment to serving Jesus Christ in their life as a faithful disciple.
5. The applicant should agree in principle with the Converge Statement of Faith.
6. A grant review committee will be appointed by the Converge Foundation Board consisting of interested donors and Converge staff.
7. The application form and supporting documents need to be postmarked by April 30th of the year in which the grant is desired.
8. A student applicant can apply in more than one year for consideration for a grant. The application process must be fully completed for each year the student applicant desires to receive a grant. The returning student must indicate this on the application and include which year the grant from ZAP was previously received.