

ADOPT A SAINT



A GREAT QUEST OF COLLEGIUM AESCULAPIUM

is to help talented, worthy but financially limited students
in developing nations to get a quality education.

When Dr. Homer Ellsworth suggested that the Collegium
find a way to “adopt a saint” educationally, an idea was born.
The idea bore fruit when Collegium officers met with managers
of the Church Educational System (CES).

THROUGH THE ADOPT A SAINT PROGRAM,
an individual or group can establish either an endowment
or a yearly grant that would provide a scholarship
or an educational loan for a student in a developing nation.
CES, through its International Scholarship Grant and Loan Fund,
ensures that 100 percent of the funds donated
are used for students that are qualified,
certified by local Church leaders, and supervised by local
CES administrators. CES absorbs the overhead costs.

THE PROGRAM REQUIRES THAT STUDENTS:

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—are members of the Church,
preferably returned missionaries in good standing;

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—use an educational agenda that will qualify them
to compete in the local labor market;

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—be, with their parents, the first providers,
paying a reasonable amount toward educational expenses;

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—make a personal accounting yearly of their progress;

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—enroll in an institute of religion program, if available.

Annual costs for a student range from \$50 to \$1,700 per year,
depending on the kind of education sought and the costs
within the particular country.

HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF THE STUDENTS WHO ARE IN NEED:

C,

*a 29 year old from the Philippines,
is a returned missionary who supports his widowed mother.
He is a counselor in a bishopric and wants to finish his
accounting degree. It will cost \$238 for one year to meet his needs.*

E,

*a 20 year old from Indonesia,
has not been able to go on a mission yet, because he has not finished
high school. His family cannot provide anything but food. He needs
\$162 for one year to complete his high school education.*

Y,

*a 21 year old from Brazil,
is a stake missionary who has completed three years
of college in premed. Currently the sole support of her family,
she wants to get her bachelor's and finish her medical education.
Two hundred dollars will take care of one year's education.*

AS OF SEPTEMBER 1989, \$15,825 HAS BEEN DONATED
and is being awarded to students in
Mexico, Peru, Bolivia, and the Dominican Republic.
Depending on the kind of education sought, about 45-60 students
can be helped this year. Bimonthly reports are being made
to the Collegium board to keep members updated.

BUT THERE IS SO MUCH MORE TO BE DONE!

The program is an answer to many prayers. Now, many
outside the Collegium are beginning to ask how they can help.
For example, a group of returned missionaries from Bolivia,
inspired by the dedication and work of Sister Marian Durtschi,
a nurse who spent her mission helping the Saints in Bolivia,
have contributed several thousand dollars.
Contributions have been pouring in from medical health professionals
in Arizona, California, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, and Washington.

THIS IS A MOST VALUABLE AND BENEFICIAL PROJECT
that the Collegium sponsors. Its potential is
immeasurable as students are touched and lives changed.

To find out how you can help, contact:
Adopt a Saint, LDS Foundation, 50 E. North Temple,
Salt Lake City, Utah 84150.