

JAMAICA APPLICATION

DUE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

Thank you for your interest in CSL/CASA's 9th annual international immersion trip to Jamaica. This year, we are excited to have the opportunity to travel to different parishes and communities within Jamaica to form connections with the community members. The program will take place from **January 9th – 19th, 2012** (*subject to change a day or two based on flight ability*). The international immersion trip is unique in that it is a student-driven trip that will require a **significant commitment of time and energy** from anyone selected to participate. We will be immersing ourselves within one of the communities in Jamaica while using community involvement to build connections with the community members and gain a more intimate perspective of Jamaica's culture. In preparation for the trip, participants will attend educational workshops and be involved with team/community building activities for our group. In addition to this, participants will be required to raise funds for the trip, which will amount to **\$2,000 per participant**. The application is open to members of the USD community who wish to apply, however selections will be made with an expectation that each participant be equally devoted to our group and goals of the experience. Please take your time to answer the following questions:

- Please list your campus and community involvement, including your responsibilities and leadership positions.
- Are you willing to raise at least \$2,000 by participating in individual and group fundraisers, including letter writing campaigns? What ideas do you have for raising group funds?
- What kind of travel experience do you have (nationally and/or internationally)? What was the purpose of your travels?
- What is your purpose for going on this trip? What will the trip mean for you?
- What are you able to contribute to this group and the experience?
- What effects, positive and negative, do you think you will have on the communities you will be connecting with?
- "Service is the hallway that leads to the ballroom, but get to the ballroom because that's kinship." – Father Greg Boyle

What does this quote mean to you? How can you relate what the quote means to what the immersion trip will focus on?

***Please also note that if you do not have a passport, one will be needed by December 31, 2011.**

For questions and returned applications, e-mail jloggins@sandiego.edu or stop by either the CSL office in Maher 218 or the CASA office in UC 113.