# THE WAY CORPS and THE FAMILY WAY CORPS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

## **MOTTO**

## "It Is Written"

## WAY CORPS PRINCIPLES

- 1. Acquire and enhance your in-depth spiritual perception to a thorough awareness of God's Word as it applies to various life situations.
- 2. Receive and exercise training in the whole Word, doctrinally and practically, so as to be able to teach others.
- 3. Utilize physical discipline making your physical body, the "vehicle" of communication of the Word, as vital as possible.
- 4. Believe faithfully to live abundantly on a genuine need basis and to bring physical and material abundance to God's household of The Way Ministry at all levels.
- 5. Go forth as overseers and laborers in areas of earnest desire, need, and humility in the household to bring discipleship and thus the prevailing Word into energized reality to the world.

#### FOR WHOM IS THE WAY CORPS?

The individual, couple, or family must have a yearning desire, a driving passion above and beyond any secular profession or interest, to learn more of the Word of God to teach and lead others. Nothing is to take precedence over the calling of The Way Corps to minister and serve. The Way Corps is for those who desire to commit their lives to become an integral part of the continued growth and outreach of God's Word by way of being spiritual overseers and teachers of the accuracy of the Word.

There must be a demonstration of leadership potential, springing from the ability to run to serve, the ability to comprehend and apply the Word, a sound and uncontaminated Word-centered character, and a passion for receiving, retaining, and releasing spiritual truths. The individual must have the potential to achieve **minimum** leadership service demanded of The Way Corps, overseeing several household fellowships in the prevailing Word, functioning as a ruling minister with the attributes listed in I Timothy 3:1-7. These responsibilities include spiritually overseeing God's Word, people, and materials plus being effective in their ability to teach the Word and train household fellowship coordinators.

#### Exodus 18:20-22:

And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.

Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place <u>such</u> over them, to be rulers of thousands, <u>and</u> rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:

And let them judge the people at all seasons....

## I Timothy 3:1-7:

This <u>is</u> a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

The Way International and The Way Corps admit individuals of any race, color, or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to The Way Corps. They do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national and ethnic origin in administration of their educational policies, admissions policies, and other administered programs.

## WHAT IS THE WAY CORPS TRAINING?

The four-year Way Corps training program consists of a candidacy year, an apprentice year, and two in-residence years. During the candidacy and apprentice years, The Way Corps applicant will serve in a location with the intent of broadening his spiritual abilities and disciplining himself in preparation for further training. He does this by working closely with The Way Corps in this location. During the apprentice year, he will be assigned to participate in the Disciples of the Way Outreach Program. The in-residence years of The Way Corps and The Family Way Corps training are conducted at one or more of the training locales of The Way International and are overseen by qualified teachers. Both The Way Corps and The Family Way Corps will graduate from the training at the end of four years.

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## WHO OVERSEES THE WAY CORPS?

The Way Corps is spiritually overseen by The Way Corps Director. Any changes to The Way Corps Policies and Procedures are at the discretion of The Way Corps Director. Any individual can be dismissed by The Way Corps Director for reasons of inadequate performance.

Psalms 78:70-72 Philippians 4:9 I Corinthians 4:17

## WHAT IS REQUIRED?

Each individual must complete an application process. Couples are to have no additional children until after graduation. Marital status must remain unchanged. Therefore, if there is a change, they disqualify themselves from The Way Corps training.

II Timothy 2:5:

And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

Families, both parent(s) and child(ren), must be like-minded spiritually and in full agreement concerning participation in The Family Way Corps. Children are to obey their parents and are to remain in the training unless they graduate from high school. If there are any chronic difficulties with children, the entire family will have to leave The Way Corps training.

Titus 1:6:

If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.

The children in The Family Way Corps are called Mini Corps (two years of age through the summer following the sixth grade) and Junior Corps (entry into the seventh grade through the summer following high school graduation). Children beyond senior high school age may not enter in residence with their parents. The youngest child allowed in residence is two years of age. Children over twelve must be graduates of the foundational class on The Way of Abundance and Power before entering in residence.

The individual must apply no later than July 1 (postmarked) to be considered for the candidacy year.

## I. CANDIDACY YEAR

Prerequisites for applying for candidacy year (singles, couples, or families):

- Advanced Class graduate (which assumes all the previous prerequisites)
- No debt or pending legal matters
- Marital status stays unchanged (may have recently married)
- · High school graduate or equivalent
- Read, write, and speak English fluently
- No additional children during the next four years

## Requirements for candidacy year:

- Complete candidacy application process
- Live with or close to Way Corps leadership
- Coordinate a household fellowship (assist if in college)
- · Assist in coordinating a foundational class on The Way of Abundance and Power

- No tobacco products
- Begin a plan for physical training
- Continue developing financial stewardship discipline
- In February have a complete physical from a medical doctor
- In February begin working on the Preparation Checklist
- Prove leadership ability (sound and uncontaminated Word-centered character, ability to comprehend and apply the Word, passion for receiving, retaining, and releasing spiritual truths)

#### II. APPRENTICE YEAR

## Requirements for apprentice year:

- Complete apprentice application process
- Go out as a coordinator in the Disciples of the Way Outreach Program or be a Way Disciple on Staff at a Root locale and support the local fellowships
- Coordinate or assist in coordinating the foundational class on The Way of Abundance and Power
- Continue to live with or close to Corps leadership after the Disciples of the Way Outreach Program
- Continue or begin coordinating a household fellowship or serving on Staff at a Root locale after the Disciples of the Way Outreach Program
- Stay consistent and systematic with a physical fitness program
- · Continue developing financial stewardship
- Continue with no tobacco products
- · Begin spiritual partnerships
- Meet the May 1 first installment for sponsorship
- Complete the Preparation Checklist

## HOW IS THE WAY CORPS FINANCED?

The Way Corps in-residence training program is financed by Way Corps Sponsorship which is raised by each individual in training. Way Corps Sponsorship payments are not tax-deductible donations. They are monies given to The Way International for Way Corps Sponsorship on behalf of an individual, couple, or family. Donations to The Way Corps Household Fund without designating an individual may be tax deductible.

Each trainee has the privilege and responsibility to bless spiritual partners. The commitment between the trainee and the spiritual partner allows tremendous benefits of blessing, learning, and inspiration. A spiritual partner is one who primarily contributes toward the individual's sponsorship needs, although this is both a spiritual and financial commitment. The individual in training is expected to write his spiritual partners at least once a month, sharing his learning from God's Word, and to pray for them daily. Spiritual partnerships may begin on the apprentice year and continue, according to the individual commitments made, through graduation.

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## WAY CORPS SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENTS

## I. MINIMUM ANNUAL WAY CORPS SPONSORSHIP

The minimum annual sponsorship for each adult in residence is US\$5,460. Trainees from outside the United States will follow these same policies and procedures. Payments can be submitted at any time after acceptance and procedures are given. The entire balance may be paid in full at any time. However, on each due date the trainee is responsible for the required trimester payment.

## II. SPONSORSHIP for Way Corps entering their FIRST year of in-residence training

#### A. ADULTS

The advance payment is due postmarked no later than May 1 of the apprentice year and the remaining balance is due on the registration days of the second and third trimesters.

Advance payment/First trimester	
(May 1 of apprentice year)	US\$1,820
Second trimester (December)	1,820
Third trimester (April/May)	1,820
Total minimum sponsorship	<del>US\$5,460</del>

## B. CHILDREN

The advance payment is due postmarked no later than May 1 of the apprentice year and the remaining balance is due on the registration days of the second and third trimesters.

	5 years and under	6-12 years	13-18 years
Advance payment/First trimester (May 1 of apprentice year) Second trimester (December)	US\$ 520 520	US\$ 720 720	US\$ 920 920
Third trimester (April/May)	520	720	920
Total minimum sponsorship	<del>US\$1,560</del>	US\$2,160	US\$2,760

The minimum annual sponsorship for children is determined according to the age of the child on December 31 of the in-residence training year. For example: A child is 5 years old when he starts the in-residence training year with his parents. He turns 6 on November 25. Since he will be 6 years old as of December 31 of that year, his annual sponsorship will be US\$2,160. However, if the child would turn 6 on February 1, his annual sponsorship would be US\$1,560 because as of December 31 of that training year he would still be 5 years old.

# III. SPONSORSHIP for Way Corps entering the FINAL year of in-residence training

The annual sponsorship for the final year of in-residence training is the same as the first year with the following payment schedule.

First trimester (August/September) Second trimester (December) Third trimester (April/May)

## IV. EXPENSES

Each Way Corps individual will need to plan for expenses such as the Household Holiday Relocation and other indeterminate expenses. Savings and checking accounts are available locally or with The Way Credit Union. An allowance of US\$30 per month for each adult and each child will be provided from Way Corps Sponsorship for incidental expenses while in residence.

## V. SPONSORSHIP PAYMENT PROCEDURES

Spiritual partners deal directly with The Way Corps individuals, including those from other countries. All checks or money orders are to be made payable to Way Corps Sponsorship and sent directly to The Way Corps individual. The Way Corps trainee's name should appear on the memo line of all checks and money orders. If there is no memo line, indicate the name where there is space available but not on the "Pay to the order of" line.

All payments need to be submitted on a yellow Way Corps Sponsorship form. These forms will be provided by the Corps Director's Office. Enter The Way Corps individual's name on the yellow form and put the sponsorship number in the space provided and on each check or money order. List each spiritual partner with the corresponding amount given. When a Way Corps trainee is making a personal payment, he should list his name in both the student and spiritual partner columns. The trainee is responsible to keep a <u>carbon copy</u> for his records.

All payments are to be sent within one week of receipt along with the original yellow form to The Way Corps Director's Office at The Way International, Attention: Way Corps Sponsorship. If at a Root locale, follow the procedures outlined at that campus.

## VI. REFUND POLICY

Way Corps Sponsorship is not refundable. In the event an individual does not enter or discontinues The Way Corps training, monies given on his behalf would remain with The Way International and be transferred to The Way Corps Household Fund for the benefit of The Way Corps. Any monies exceeding the minimum annual sponsorship will also be transferred to this Way Corps Household Fund.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

The individual must have a valid driver's license. Those from outside the United States are not required to have a license. If he brings a vehicle, he must carry minimum state-required liability insurance. The vehicle must be in good running order.

## **HOSPITALIZATION**

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The Way International does not carry hospitalization insurance for individuals.

## **EXCUSED ABSENCES FROM TRAINING**

The following are occasions an individual is allowed to leave an assigned location (whether in residence or assignment in service): death occurring in the immediate family, critical sickness in the immediate family, or weddings of immediate family members. These occasions normally should not exceed three to four days absence. Also involved is the scheduled Household Holiday Relocation time or any break deemed necessary by The Way Corps Director.

## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE TRAINING IS COMPLETED?

One who graduates becomes an active and energized Way Corps minister fully equipped to go forth as a full-time and salaried "watchman" of the Lord Jesus Christ and God's household in areas of earnest desire, need, and humility, carrying to the humble the greatness of God's prevailing Word as well as confronting the unbelief of the adversary's realm. Each person will have acquired spiritual maturity, the abilities to oversee God's Word, people, and materials as a master teacher of God's Word. Each Way Corps assignment is evaluated yearly.

The Way Corps household is salted to follow and serve at the discretion of The Way Corps Director and the Board of Trustees of The Way International.