Peru/Cultural Immersion/Solidarity Experience
Application Form

General Application Requirements: (Check off each as completed.)
☑ Application form: Please print clearly using black or blue ink.
☑ Statement of Purpose
☑ 2 Reference Forms (Academic Reference and Character Reference) Attached Separately

I. General Information
The Peru experience is a cross cultural immersion experience for students interested in giving 7/8 days of service while learning more about the culture, history and economy of Peru. Students will get to interact with the Peruvian people while working side by side with the Sisters of Mercy in their many outreach ministries with the marginalized people of Chimbote.

The weeklong trip would include arriving in Lima and experiencing the capital city, site seeing, talks and visiting the Sisters of Mercy Ministry sites in Lima.

As part of the trip we would travel to Chimbote (6 hours outside of Lima) and visit different ministry sites there: Secondary School, Woman’s Center, Hospice, Parish Ministry and site seeing in Chimbote and a tour of the barrio.

Each day participants would take part in a reflection/process experience reflecting on their day or shared prayer with the Sisters of Mercy.

The group will be staying in retreat center in Lima and a hostels and most of the meals would be provided at the retreat Center or with the Sisters of Mercy in Chimbote.

The cost of the trip is $1,600 approximately per person; (cost may vary due to plane tickets).

The full payment for the trip would be due by the end of April. Payments would need to be made as plane tickets are purchased. (Approximately 800 dollars would be needed by Dec or January)

There will be 4 or 5 Orientation meetings before the trip that are mandatory.

This trip is being co-sponsored by Campus Ministry and the Multi-Cultural Office.

If you have any questions please call Maria Cabrera or email her at mcabrera@misericordia.edu or ext 6160 or Christine Somers at 6314 or csomers@misericordia.edu

Dates of the trip are tentative May 19 to May 25

Applications are due by September 13th.
**Supplemental Health Insurance**: Will be provided to students through HTH Worldwide. **Immunizations** will be the responsibility of the student.

**II. Application**
This application is due in full to Georgia Walsh in Campus ministry September 13, 2013.

Date: ___________ Name: ___________________________ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female
Date of Birth: _____/____/____
Country of Citizenship: _______________________________________________________

Current Mailing Address:
Mail to here from ___/___/___ to ___/___/___
Street: _____________________ City: __________ State: ___ Zip: ______
Preferred Phone: _____________________ Alt. Phone: _____________________

Permanent Mailing Address (if different):
Mail to here from ___/___/___ to ___/___/___
Street: _____________________ City: __________ State: ___ Zip: ______
Preferred Phone: _____________________ Alt. Phone: _____________________

MU E-mail: _____________________ Other E-mail: _____________________

Emergency Contact Person:
Name(s): _________________________ Relation: __________________________
Street: _____________________ City: __________ State: ___ Zip: ______
Phone: _____________________ Alt. Phone: _____________________ E-mail: _____________________

Alternate Emergency Contact Person:
Name(s): _________________________ Relation: __________________________
Street: _____________________ City: __________ State: ___ Zip: ______
Phone: _____________________ Alt. Phone: _____________________ E-mail: _____________________

Family Contact Information (if different):
Name(s): _________________________
Street: _____________________ City: __________ State: ___ Zip: ______
Phone: _____________________ Alt. Phone: _____________________ E-mail: _____________________

Academic Level During Course (please check):
☐ first year ☐ sophomore ☐ junior ☐ senior ☐ 5th year ☐ 6th year
☐ Graduate Student I will graduate in (month/year) : _____________________

Do you have a passport? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Applicants who do not have passports, or whose passports have expired, are strongly advised to apply for a passport once they are accepted to go to Peru. Do not delay in submitting your passport application, since it can take several months to process. To obtain a passport go to: [http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html)

Can you speak another language besides English? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, what language? ___________________________ Level of Fluency: _______________________
Where/How did you learn the other language? ____________________________________________
How do you feel about traveling, and working with people whose native language will not be English? What type of challenges do you expect to face and how will you handle those challenges?

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Please list any previous study abroad or international travel experiences you have:
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List any service/volunteer experience you have participated in:
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List any experience you have working/volunteering, traveling in a developing nation, working with marginalized people, or in an impoverished situation:
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Describe one experience where you worked with someone who was different than yourself. (Someone who was different because of age, race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender):
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Dietary Information: Please check any food allergies or foods you would prefer not to eat. Please be as honest as possible in this area:
☐ Fish ☐ Beans ☐ Curry ☐ Noodles ☐ Spicy Food ☐ Meat ☐ Rice
☐ Other: __________________________

Are you a vegetarian? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, what do you NOT eat: ______________

Everyday Living
Had to share a room or bathroom with 3 or more people? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Have you ever had to share a bed? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Have you ever been homesick? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Have you ever been on an airplane for more than 10 hours? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Disciplinary Information: Do you have a disciplinary record with Misericordia? Please check the appropriate box: ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, ☐ An official document or copy stating the details is enclosed
 ☐ I have enclosed an essay explaining the situation

III. Statement of Purpose
Please type your statement of purpose on a separate piece of paper. Your essay should be thoughtful, concise, between 500-700 words in length and should answer the following: Why do you want to go to Peru?
References: reference forms are below
Please provide the names and contact information of your 2 references
Reference 1: _____________________________ Reference 2: ___________________________
Name: _____________________________ Name: _____________________________
E-mail Address: _____________________________ E-mail Address: __________________

Student Agreement:
• I certify that the information on this application is true and accurate.
• I understand that if any information is found to be false, my application will be terminated
• I have read and understand the application instructions
• I have read the program description(s), and I feel that I would benefit from this program.
Student Signature: _____________________________ Date: __________________
Parent Signature (if applicant is below age 18): _____________________________ Date: __________________
Reference #1

To be filled out by student:
Applicant’s Name (please print): ____________________________________________________
first middle last
Current Address: ______________________________________________________________
street city or town state zip code
Telephone: ________________________ E-mail Address ____________________________
Program/course Name to Which I Am Applying: ___________________________________

To Reference:
The student named above is applying to do service work and travel in Peru. The student’s application will not be complete until we receive this form. Because all admissions are handled on a rolling admissions basis, your prompt response will be appreciated. Please send the completed form to: Georgia Walsh in Campus Ministry.
Below please write an assessment of the applicant which answers the following questions. You may use a separate sheet if necessary:

1. In what capacity and for what length of time have you known the applicant?

2. What strengths do you think this applicant will bring to the program?

3. What are the applicant’s weaknesses and how do you expect these to affect his/her performance in this program?

6. Comment on the applicant’s suitability to do service work in Peru in terms of: (a) personal factors; stability, independence of mind, creative ability; (b) motivation; (c) ability to get along with others; (d) ability to accept rules and structure.

7. List any special considerations of which we should be aware.

Name __________________________________ Title _____________________________
Phone: __________________ Fax: _______________ E-mail Address ____________________________
I acknowledge that the student named above is an applicant to indicated program.
Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________
Reference # 2

To be filled out by student:
Applicant’s Name (please print):

Current Address: ________________________

Telephone: ________________________ E-mail Address ____________________________

Program/course Name to Which I Am Applying: ___________________________________

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6. Comment on the applicant’s suitability for study abroad in terms of: (a) personal factors; stability, independence of mind, creative ability; (b) motivation; (c) ability to get along with others; (d) ability to accept rules and structure.

7. List any special considerations of which we should be aware.

Name ____________________________________ Title _____________________________
Phone: __________________ Fax: _______________ E-mail Address __________________

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Signature: ____________________________________ Date: _______________________

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