



English for Mission

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INTRODUCTION

This handbook provides essential information about the English for Mission online program, including academic expectations, policies, and student responsibilities. All students are expected to read and follow the guidelines outlined in this handbook. Please take the time to read it carefully, as it may answer many of your questions.



About the English for Mission Program

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English for Mission is a mission-focused English online program designed to help students use English confidently in ministry and real-life situations.

Core Values

At Streams of Light Training Institute (SOLTI), our lives, work, and mission are guided by core values rooted in Scripture and the principles of Christian faith. As a supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we are committed to advancing its mission in harmony with its teachings and leadership. These values shape how we learn, serve, and relate to others. We seek to cultivate an environment that reflects Christ's character and fosters respect, unity, and purposeful growth among students from diverse backgrounds.

In the English for Mission program, this includes how we use language—speaking with kindness, respect, clarity, and integrity. We view language learning not simply as an academic skill, but as a practical tool for service, communication, and cross-cultural connection.

We encourage students to use their English skills to uplift others, build meaningful relationships, and contribute positively in their communities and areas of influence.

We value excellence, responsibility, and perseverance in the learning process. Students are encouraged to approach their studies with diligence, humility, and a teachable spirit, recognizing that growth involves both skill development and personal character. We also value respectful dialogue and mutual support, creating a learning environment where students feel encouraged, challenged, and equipped to reach their full potential.

Ultimately, our goal is to equip students with practical English communication skills while fostering personal growth, Christ-like character, and a spirit of service, preparing them to communicate effectively and contribute meaningfully in both mission and everyday life.

Program Overview

English for Mission Online is a mission-focused English program designed to help students use English confidently in ministry and real-life situations. The program integrates spiritual growth, live online instruction, and practical application, equipping students to use English as a tool for communication, service, and outreach.

Students improve their English skills through interactive virtual classes, guided discussions, and practical assignments that connect language learning with ministry and everyday contexts. In addition to language instruction, students participate in online Bible classes and complete mission-focused assignments designed to encourage personal outreach and service within their local communities.


This program is designed for students who desire to grow in English proficiency while actively serving in mission-oriented settings—wherever they are in the world. English is the primary language used in classes and other activities.

Curriculum Overview

The English for Mission curriculum equips students with practical English communication skills, preparing them for continued growth, further education, and meaningful service. Students develop the ability to use English to share their faith, serve in their local communities, and support ministry efforts in a variety of settings. Whether continuing into additional training programs, volunteering, serving in ministry roles, or applying their skills in their current environments, students are equipped to use English confidently as a tool for mission, communication, and service.

Instruction focuses on such areas as:

- Practical English for everyday life and ministry
- Strong speaking and listening skills for effective outreach
- Reading and writing skills for clear communication, learning, and reflection
- Mission-focused vocabulary applied in real-life situations.



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Academic Expectations

Grading System

The English for Mission program emphasizes overall growth, active participation, and continuous development. Students are evaluated in the following areas:

- Class Participation and Effort – engagement in discussions, willingness to contribute, and effort in learning activities. Consistent homework completion is important to reinforcing learning and achieving success. Your success is directly related to your level of participation.
- Attendance and Punctuality – consistent presence and timeliness in all classes.
- English Progress – improvement in speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills.
- Attitude, Cooperation, and Responsibility – demonstration of respect, teamwork, and personal accountability.

Evaluation is formative throughout the semester, with ongoing feedback provided to guide learning and encourage improvement.

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to be present and punctual for all scheduled activities. Punctuality and attendance are crucial

for maintaining the integrity of the program and promoting a responsible learning environment.

Students are expected to log on **10 minutes before the scheduled class time** using the link provided. This allows time to ensure proper connection and readiness for the start of class.

Missed Classes

Absences due to illness, emergencies, or unavoidable circumstances may be excused. Students should notify their teacher as soon as possible.

Course Prerequisites

To enroll in the English for Mission online program, students must meet the following prerequisites:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Possess basic English skills, such as knowing the alphabet, simple greetings, and common vocabulary.
- Be committed to regular attendance and punctuality.
- Have basic technology skills needed for program activities, such as using a computer, tablet, or other devices as required.
- Demonstrate a genuine interest in using English for mission, ministry, and community engagement.

Buddy System

The Buddy System is a key part of the English for Mission program. Each student is paired with a staff member or church member who is a fluent English speaker, providing regular opportunities to practice English online in a supportive environment.

The Buddy System helps students:

- Build confidence and fluency in conversational English
- Apply English in real-life and ministry contexts
- Form Christ-centered friendships and experience cultural exchange

Students are strongly encouraged to meet online with their buddy according to the program schedule. Meetings may include conversation, practical language practice, or online ministry activities.

Students should participate actively, demonstrate respect and cultural sensitivity, and approach sessions with a willingness to learn. This partnership supports language development, spiritual growth, and preparation for mission service.



Streams of Light English for Mission Culture

English for Mission promotes a respectful, Christ-centered, and supportive environment. Students are encouraged to:

- Practice English daily whenever possible
- Respect cultural differences within the classroom setting.
- Support one another's learning and spiritual growth
- Demonstrate kindness, patience, and humility
- Maintain a consistent and personal devotional life.
- Respect the Sabbath as a dedicated time for worship, rest and outreach.
- Embrace a healthy lifestyle as promoted in the Adventist health message.

Online Conduct and Use of Materials

All online classes are recorded by the school for educational purposes and internal use. Students are not permitted to record live classes, share any recordings provided by the school, or distribute course materials in any form without explicit written permission from Streams of Light English for Mission.

Students are also expected to uphold the values of Streams of Light English for Mission and the Seventh-day Adventist Church in any content they create, post, or share related to the school. Discretion and respect should guide all online and public interactions, ensuring that communications reflect the integrity, character, and mission

of the school.

Use of Personal Devices

Students may use laptops, tablets, and phones for learning and program-related activities. During live online classes, worship, or other scheduled program sessions, students are expected to remain fully focused and avoid distractions of any kind, including social media, unrelated websites, or multitasking. Active participation and engagement help ensure a meaningful learning experience for all.

Appearance and Learning Environment

Students should keep their cameras on during live sessions and ensure their surroundings are tidy and appropriate. They should minimize distractions and background noise, and present themselves with proper dress and appearance, reflecting the values of the school and supporting a respectful and professional learning environment.

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to uphold academic integrity in all assignments, quizzes, and exams. Plagiarism, cheating, or any form of dishonesty will result in corrective measures. Students are responsible for completing all work honestly and to the best of their ability.

Finances

Application Fee

A non-refundable \$50 application fee must be submitted with the online application.

Standard Tuition Overview

The total standard tuition cost for the Streams of Light English for Mission Online Program is **\$2500** per year, which covers classroom instruction and program materials.

This amount represents the full program cost before any discounts or financial assistance are applied.

Payment Schedule

- At the time of application A \$50 fee is required upon submission of the application form. This application fee will go toward your total tuition and is non-refundable.

- Before the Start of the Program The remaining balance must be paid in full before the student can begin classes.

Refund Policy

All cancellations must be made in writing and submitted to the registrar's office. Please note that the \$50 application fee is non-refundable.

Refunds for tuition are available under the following conditions:

- 50% of the tuition will be refunded if requested within 30 calendar days after the first day of class.
- No refunds will be given after 30 days from the program's start date.
- Refunds are not issued for students dismissed from the program due to violations of program policies.

SPECIAL 2026 TUITION DISCOUNT

To make the program more accessible, Streams of Light Institute is offering a special 50% discount on the total cost for the inaugural year of the English for Mission program.

First Year – With 50% Discount

Europe and North America

Standard Cost	\$2,500 per year
Yearly Discounted Cost	\$1,250 per year
Semester Discounted Cost	\$625

Other Countries

Standard Cost	\$1,500 per year
Yearly Discounted Cost	\$750 per year
Semester Discounted Cost	\$375

Application Process

1.) Complete Online Application

- Visit the website to fill out the application form.
- Application Fee: Submit a non-refundable \$50 application fee with your application.

2.) Submit Required Documents

- Personal Photo: A recent photo of yourself should be included with your application.
- Reference: Provide the contact

information for one reference or an individual (not a family member) who can comment on your character, interpersonal skills, and spiritual growth.

3.) Interview with School Staff

After your application is reviewed, you will be contacted for an interview via Zoom. The interview should not exceed one hour.

4.) Review by the Education Committee

Once the first three steps are complete, the Education Committee will prayerfully consider your application and determine acceptance.

5.) Notification of Acceptance

If accepted, you will receive an official acceptance letter via email, outlining the next steps, including payment details.

Conclusion

We are delighted that you are considering joining the Streams of Light English for Mission Online Program. This handbook has outlined the expectations, opportunities, and resources available to support your growth in language, character, and mission. As you embark on this journey, know that our team is committed to guiding and encouraging you in all aspects of your experience—spiritual, academic, and

practical.

We trust that God has prepared you for this opportunity and will use your dedication, gifts, and service to make a meaningful and eternal impact. Embrace this time of learning with an open heart, and let your experience prepare you to serve confidently wherever God calls you.



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