

Application Process

Your How-Go Guide on Applying to YWAM Lausanne

1. Apply

Please finish filling out your application and submit it. (There is a link to the application at the bottom of this page.)

2. Approval

The leadership and school leaders are prayerfully processing your application. Once approved finish filling in your personal details and pay deposit to confirm your acceptance.

3. Enrollment

We will send an invoice and visa information to you with instructions on how to file before you arrive.

Preparation

We are so excited to have you with us. Please read the general information and practical matters to take care of before you proceed to the application.

Flight Booking

Please pay your deposit before booking your flight. The nearest airport is Geneva; try Skyscanner, Kayak, Google Flights, or Expedia for options.

Packing

Check our suggested packing list [here](#). You'll share a room with 3-5 others, so pack accordingly, and bring clothing for Switzerland's four seasons.

Visas

Programs over 90 days require a Swiss visa. EU, New Zealand, Singapore, and Japan passport holders can apply after arrival and register for ~170 CHF.

Health Insurance

Swiss law requires everyone to have health insurance. Coverage costs 86 CHF/month.

Documents

Bring 2-3 passport-sized photos for visa registration and outreach applications. Also, bring your acceptance letter and a photocopy of your passport in case it's lost.

Immunisations

Update required vaccinations (Hepatitis A/B, Typhoid, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio) before outreach; it may be cheaper in your home country.

Currency

The currency is CHF. Credit cards are accepted, and ATMs offer the best exchange rates. Bring cash or a card; cheques aren't accepted.

Transportation

Switzerland's public transit is affordable and reliable. A 2-hour bus ticket costs 5.40 CHF. For intercity travel, the train system is excellent. More info [here](#).

Power

Switzerland uses 240V, 10A current with Type J plugs. Bring adapters, as Swiss plugs are smaller than in other European countries.

Internet

The base offers fast fiber optic internet: Mon-Thurs 8:30-23:00, Fri 8:30-24:00, Sat 6:00-24:00, and Sun 6:00-23:00.

Language

Our base uses English, but French is spoken in Lausanne. German and Italian are also official languages. Learning a few phrases is recommended.

Mail

Mail is delivered daily. Nearby post offices are in Vers-chez-les-Blanc (2 km) and Epalinges (2.5 km).

Agree & Apply

Before your application can be finalised, it is important you have read and agreed to the partnership agreements on the next pages.

Now that you have the run down, your next step is to fill out your application:

[Apply Now](#)

Community Living Standards

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YWAM Lausanne is for Christians who are committed to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-19). Your time here will be enjoyable, rewarding and challenging. We are committed to helping you grow as a disciple of Jesus and we look forward to you being here.

Being a disciple of Jesus includes taking responsibility for your life and conduct, which includes living a Godly lifestyle worthy of example. As we read the Bible, there are guidelines for those conducts that are "absolute," such as the Ten Commandments. However, there are areas that are not so clearly defined, and this is where we run into "cultural sins" as Paul describes in Romans 14. These are situations relative to the way we have individually been taught, which may or may not be considered as a sin to others. We know that only God can judge the heart, but depending on the ways in which we were raised and what our parents, pastors and other authority figures taught us, these issues can often be quite sensitive. Below are some of our standards for community living as we interpret the Scriptures.

Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco

Approximately 90 percent of the evangelical community of the world (Africa, Asia and the Americas) considers alcoholic drinks and tobacco products totally off limits. Often in these contexts, alcohol and tobacco use is viewed as a sign that someone either does not know God or is turning away from Him. God has blessed YWAM Lausanne with a variety of people coming from many cultures, denominations and backgrounds, so it is important that as a family we understand and honor one another in our conversation and actions.

While you are here in Switzerland and on outreach, we ask that you take the most conservative view in order not to offend the largest percent of international believers. Whatever your personal conviction may be, we ask that you refrain from drinking alcohol and using tobacco products during your school. This is not meant to be legalistic, but to live by the law of love and respect the beliefs and values of others. Therefore, if you do have a dependency on alcohol or tobacco products we would ask that you eliminate these habits before coming to YWAM Lausanne. The use of these products during your school can be grounds for dismissal. Illegal drug use is strictly prohibited and is grounds for immediate dismissal. If you have any dependency on these we ask that you seek professional help and apply for this school at a later time.

Exclusive Relationships

This will be a very special time for you where you can focus on God and build excellent friendships with both sexes that will last not only for 3 or 6 months, but for a lifetime. We all come from various backgrounds and cultures and have different needs and ideas of relationships. To remain focused through the duration of the school we ask that no "boyfriend/girlfriend" relationships be developed. We find that this provides a healthy environment where students are able to relax and enjoy developing Godly friendships without all the confusion of a dating relationship. Time spent on the school is like no other as it is a great investment that will continue to influence you for the rest of your life. Because of this, there is no room for relationship difficulties to become a distraction.

If you are able to refrain from the use of tobacco, alcohol and exclusive relationships for the duration of your school please sign the Community Living Standards section on page 15. If you have any questions or if you have trouble understanding anything in this document, please feel free to contact us.

Payment, Refund and Medical Insurance Policy

Payment Policy

All payments must be made in Swiss Francs (CHF). To check current exchange rates go to: www.xe.com

In addition to the following costs you will also need proper medical insurance coverage. See "Medical Insurance" at the bottom of this page.

	Payment Description	Payment required by
1	School Deposit: CHF 200 The school deposit is required for your final acceptance to be approved and is non-refundable.	Send your CHF200 school deposit only after your application has been fully processed. We will send you an e-mail with all the information about how to make this payment. For now, simply send us your application and we'll get the process started.
2	DTS School Costs: CHF 3,490 This covers Tuition, Food and Accommodation. It does not include: - Visas or personal expenses such as toiletries, snacks, postage, or transportation to and from the airport. However, pick up from the Lausanne Train Station is included.	The DTS School Cost of CHF 3,490 is due the day your school starts . Remember; if you are wiring money make sure to allow a minimum of 7 days for bank processing time.
3	General Outreach costs: CHF 3,500 This fee is for general outreach expenses like, airfare, fuel, bus/train ticket (if needed), food, accommodations and administration fees.	The General Outreach cost are payable during the 6th week of the DTS school.
4	Remaining Outreach Costs: CHF 0 - 2,000 Depending on your outreach location, your outreach fees could be greater than the CHF 3,500	The Remaining Outreach Costs are payable during the 10th week of the DTS school.

Note: Students will not be able to begin their course unless they are able to make these payments. However, if you contact our admissions office and explain your financial situation, a different payment schedule may be arranged.

Refund Policy

Payment of the refund will be:

1. Paid directly to the student unless a written request is made by the student to make payment to someone else.
2. Paid in Swiss Francs (CHF). Any bank fees will be deducted from the total refund.
3. Paid to the student within six weeks of notice. However, this is only possible if all recipient money transfer details are correct.

	Description	Notification Departure	Refund Policy
	In the event of a departure from the DTS before the 22nd day, the following refund schedule will apply:		
1	School Deposit (non-refundable)	n/a	CHF 200 is non-refundable
2	DTS School Cost If student withdraws for reason of: (a) voluntarily withdrawal (b) violation of visa conditions (c) violation of community living standards	Before Registration Day Registration Day to Day 10 Day 11 to Day 21 Day 22 to the end of Lecture Phase	100% of course costs - CHF 3,490 50% of course costs - CHF 1,745 25% of course costs - CHF 873 0%
	In the event a departure from the DTS after the student joins an outreach team for the reason of: (a) voluntarily withdrawal, (b) violation of visa conditions or (c) violation of community or outreach living standards, the following refund schedule will apply:		
3	Outreach transportation Costs Refund is dependent on carriers (e.g. airline companies) refund policy.	Anytime	A refund will be given if the carrier allows it minus any credit card, cancellation or change of schedule fees or if a airline ticket is refund-able. Be aware that changes often cost more than the original price.
4	General Outreach Costs Refund will only be given if the amount is not greater then the remaining cost at the time the student leaves the outreach team.	Before Outreach Officially Begins Beginning of Outreach to Day 20 Day 21 to Day 40 Day 41 and Later	100% of the total general outreach costs 50% of the total general outreach costs 25% of the total general outreach costs 0%

Medical Insurance Policy

All students must have medical insurance that covers you while traveling internationally. If you already have insurance make sure it covers you for at least of 1,000,000 Swiss Francs. If you do not have insurance or you are not covered for the required amount, we recommend an insurance that many of our staff and students use. It is British Missions insurer; if you would like to apply please see their web site: www.bannergroup.com.

If you will be using your own insurance please bring a copy of your insurance card and policy details including the policy number, details of coverage and contact information. The following only applies for January Boarders DTS applicants: In addition to the overall limit of the policy, you will also need to have a type of coverage called "Personal Liability" insurance. Personal Liability covers you if you accidentally cause damage to someone else's property or injury to someone. Most travel insurances sold in Europe include this coverage; most in North America do not.