

Center for Global Health Frequent Flyer Pledge Program-Application

What is the Center for Global Health Frequent Flyer Pledge program? This program allows members of the UW-Madison Health Science Community, Alumni and interested others to support the efforts of health science students and affiliated faculty who are interested in international work. **International field activities, in the form of practicums/clerkships, field-based education, research, or service projects are powerful life experiences that have a long-term impact on the worldview and lifetime vocation of UW health science students.** The Center for Global Health (CGH) Frequent Flyer Pledge program allows donors the opportunity to facilitate these experiences by granting travel awards in the form of airline tickets to students or accompanying faculty who have plans to travel to another country to participate in health-related education, service, or research activities. Awards may also be used to support US-based travel where the purpose of the trip is primarily international, such as presenting research at a global conference where international colleagues will be among the beneficiaries.

How does the program work? Donors pledge the number of miles needed for an award ticket for a round trip flight either to an international location or to a gateway city. The number of miles needed will range from as low as 25,000 for domestic travel to a gateway city, to international trips that require from 35,000 -100,000 miles, depending on the airline and the international site. Once CGH selects a student or faculty member for the award, the donor will be asked to redeem the award in that person's name. The award recipient will select specific flights and dates, but the donor must authorize the issuance of the ticket.

Who is eligible to apply for Frequent Flyer Pledge award tickets? Health Sciences students or graduate students in a health-related field who have arranged for an international field experience are eligible to apply. UW faculty members who are accompanying groups of students on global health field experiences are also eligible. This would include students/faculty from:

School of Medicine and Public Health
School of Nursing
School of Pharmacy
School of Veterinary Medicine
Division of International Studies

How do I apply for an award ticket? Applications for tickets should include a statement about the applicant's career goals and how the international experience will support those goals. Applicants should include any professional and/or personal background and experience that is relevant to the experience/project. Provide a description of the planned experience/project including: place, starting time and duration, probability of successful completion of the experience/project,

and any other information that may be important to the application reviewers. Include a letter of acceptance/support from the field site director. Applications will be evaluated and decisions made by the Director of the Center for Global Health in consultation with the Global Health Steering Committee. Deadlines for the applications are:

April 15, 2006 for Summer, Fall travel
December 15, 2006 for Spring travel

Please send application documents to the Center for Global Health office, 4230A Health Sciences Learning Center, 750 Highland Ave, Madison, WI 53705, or email information to globalhealth@hslc.wisc.edu.

If I am awarded a pledged ticket, how do I receive it? You will need to contact the donor of the pledged miles to introduce yourself, explain the purpose of your trip, and give him/her the desired travel destination and dates of travel. They, in turn, will call the airline to authorize the award ticket to be issued in your name. Travelers will also be expected to make follow-up contact to share their trip reports and experiences with the donor who made their travel possible.