

**Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Medical/Dental Department
Financial Guidelines for Reimbursement**

[ONLY BAPTIZED MEMBERS OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM.]

- The local regional and state conferences together with the Southern Union Conference [SUC] collaborate to provide the funding for this program. [See Appendix B.] All applications processed through the **SUC office**.
- These funds are available ONLY to those individuals who actually move to the Southern Union to practice or take their residency.
- We no longer reimburse individuals for a clerkship/rotation.
- Go to <https://www.southernunion.com/ministries-services/medical-dental-health-professionals-ministry/financial-assistance/> for application form and fill out on line. Once you have completely filled out the application, scanned in copies of your original receipts, and scanned in a photo of yourself, “Save As” (save everything in .pdf format) and attach to an email to bdavidson@southernunion.com or send everything via USPS to address below. Submit application and receipts no later than four months of your move to the Southern Union.
 - ❖ Send to:
Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
ATTN: Bonnie Davidson – Medical/Dental Department
PO Box 923868
Peachtree Corners, GA 30010-3868
- **DO NOT SEND** Bank or Credit Card Statements in lieu of receipts.
- **Receipts must show that the item or service rendered was PAID for, e.g., “PAID IN FULL” or “charged to visa ending in....”, etc.**
- Only direct flights or flights involving transfers are acceptable. NO stopovers permitted.
- Lodging up to \$150/night for a maximum of four nights are reimbursable when moving from the West Coast to the SUC. Direct moves are required. **No other trips (business or recreational/vacations) are to be combined with your move.**
- We reimburse dentists/physicians/pharmacists moving to the SUC when their moving expenses are not reimbursed by the hiring organization.
- For already practicing dentists/physicians/pharmacists who are moving to the SUC please send in a copy of your license to practice with your application.

MEDICAL-DENTAL REIMBURSEMENT SUMMARY

It is to be understood that an individual seeking reimbursement is a qualifying applicant.*

The **MAXIMUM AMOUNT** reimbursed to an *individual* for travel/moving expenses is \$5000 combined total. It is possible for a professional couple (both doctors/dentists/pharmacists) to receive up to \$10,000 for reimbursement.

DESCRIPTION OF REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

An individual will be reimbursed after they move to the Southern Union for their travel/moving expenses incurred while seeking employment in the Southern Union. Travel/Moving expenses include **travel expenses incurred**:

1. To take a state/regional board exam in the Southern Union
2. For interview(s) for a residency/practice location
3. To establish a practice location
4. To move to the Southern Union

A detailed description of receipts that are eligible for reimbursement are listed below:

- ❖ Airfare
- ❖ Baggage fees
- ❖ Airport/Hotel Parking
- ❖ Gasoline
- ❖ TAXI/UBER, etc. in lieu of rental car used as transportation to and from airport
- ❖ Rental Car
- ❖ Hotel/Motel
- ❖ Moving services for Household items/car
- ❖ Rental truck
- ❖ Boxes/tape/packing material

Once a move is completed, send hard copies of the application along with **copies** of original receipts to the Southern Union Medical/Dental department, ATTN: Bonnie Davidson for reimbursement, or by email to: bdavidson@southernunion.com.

*Qualifying Applicants:

- **A baptized member in regular standing in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.**
- **Completes the application form and meets all requirements as set by the providing organization.**

APPENDIX A

MEDICAL DENTAL DIRECTORS

- ❖ **SUC, Director** – Jim Davidson, Executive Secretary [j davidson@southernunion.com]
- ❖ **SUC Medical/Dental Department** – Bonnie Davidson [bdavidson@southernunion.com or Office - (770) 408-2135]
- ❖ **Local Conference Directors:**
 - **Carolina Conference** – Gary Moyer, Executive Secretary [gmoyer@carolinasda.com]
 - **Florida Conference** – Tim Goff, Executive Secretary [timothy.goff@floridaconference.com]
 - **Georgia-Cumberland Conference** – Chester Clark, Executive Secretary [cclark@gccsda.com]
 - **Gulf States Conference** – Martin Fancher, Executive Secretary [mfancher@gscsda.org]
 - **Kentucky-Tennessee Conference** – Steve Haley, President [president@kytn.net]
 - **South Atlantic Conference** – David A. Smith, Executive Secretary [dasmith@sacsda.org]
 - **South Central Conference** – John Nixon, Executive Secretary [jnixon@scc-sda.org]
 - **Southeastern Conference** – Michael Owusu , Executive Secretary [Michael.owusu@secsda.org]

Appendix B

The Southern Union Conference

*The Southern Union Conference [SUC] is comprised of the following eight states: Alabama, North and South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee. These eight states are divided into 8 smaller local conferences.

These states comprise the following 5 state and 3 regional conferences which make up the SUC:

- Carolina Conference – North Carolina, with the exception of Cherokee County, and South Carolina.
- Florida Conference – Florida, with the exception of Bay, Calhoun Escambia, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, and Washington Counties.
- Georgia-Cumberland Conference – Georgia, Cherokee County in North Carolina, and Eastern Tennessee to the eastern boundaries of Cannon, Clay, Coffee, DeKalb, Franklin, Jackson, and Smith Counties.
- Gulf States Conference – Alabama, Mississippi, and the following counties in Florida: Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, and Washington.
- Kentucky-Tennessee Conference – Kentucky and Western Tennessee to the eastern boundaries of Cannon, Clay, Coffee, DeKalb, Franklin, Jackson, and Smith Counties.
- South Atlantic Conference – Regional constituency of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, except that portion of Georgia south of and including the following counties: Appling, Baker, Ben Hill, Jeff Davis, McIntosh, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Telfair, Turner, Wayne, and Worth.
- South Central Conference – Regional constituency of Alabama and the portion of Florida lying west of the Apalachicola River, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee.
- Southeastern Conference – Regional constituency of Florida except that portion west of the Apalachicola River, and that portion of Georgia south of and including the following counties: Appling, Baker, Ben Hill, Jeff Davis, McIntosh, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Telfair, Turner, Wayne and Worth.