



Mustang Naz Student Ministries

Youth Fundraising and Account Policy

Throughout the year, Mustang Church of the Nazarene (MCN) Student Ministries participates in events that include registration fees, lodging, and other expenses. To help families offset these costs, we offer fundraising opportunities and track individual earnings in what we call **Youth Accounts**.

Please note: All fundraising proceeds are considered *donations* to the church and are *not* wages or employment compensation. As a result, there are specific guidelines for the use of these funds.

Eligibility for Youth Accounts

To participate in the Youth Account Program:

- Students must be actively involved in Naz Student Ministries
- Parental/guardian permission is required
- Students and families must agree to the following terms and conditions

Fundraiser Profit Distribution

All fundraiser proceeds are distributed at the discretion of the Youth Pastor and NYI President, with oversight from the Lead Pastor and Church Board. Before assigning funds to student accounts, the following will be considered:

- Expenses incurred to plan and run the fundraiser
- Upcoming budget needs
- The Student Scholarship Fund
- Special project donations
- Capital purchases outside the regular church budget (requires board approval)

Some fundraisers may have a **maximum earnings cap per student** to:

- Prevent excessive funds from being held in a single account
- Encourage continued participation in future fundraisers
- Create opportunities for more students to benefit

If a student has significant financial need (e.g., attending NYC and participating in a Work & Witness trip in the same year), exceptions to the cap may be made.

Approved Uses for Youth Account Funds

Funds earned through fundraisers may be used:

- While the student is in **grades 7–12**
- For **overnight trips sponsored by Naz Student Ministries**, such as:
 - Camps
 - Retreats
 - Extravaganza
 - NYC (Nazarene Youth Conference)
 - Work & Witness trips

Students may also choose to donate unused funds to the **Student Scholarship Fund** to help others attend Mustang Naz student events. Parental consent is required for such donations.

Prohibited Uses

Youth Account funds may not be used for:

- Personal purchases (e.g., instruments, lessons)
- Trips not sponsored by MCN Student Ministries
- One-day outings (e.g., fast food, bowling, laser tag)
- Any item or experience not directly related to approved Mustang Naz Student overnight events

Graduation & Remaining Funds

When a student graduates, if they have remaining funds, **10%** will automatically go to the Sponsor Scholarship Fund. The student may then choose one of the following options:

- Use up to **\$500** as a scholarship to a **recognized Nazarene college**
- Transfer the funds to a **sibling's Youth Account**
- Donate the funds to the **General Student Scholarship Fund**
- Use the funds to purchase a **"legacy item"** for a ministry area (e.g., Café, Worship Team, Sunday School)
- Allow the Youth Pastor and NYI President to allocate the funds where needed

Inactive Status & Fund Transfers

A student is considered **inactive** if:

- They have not participated in any Mustang Naz Student Ministries events (Sunday School, worship, small groups, Wednesday nights, or church events) for **12 months**.
- Their family has moved too far away to continue involvement.
- The family notifies the church leadership of their intention to transfer membership to another church.
- The family informs church leadership that they are no longer attending Mustang Naz.

When a student becomes inactive, their Youth Account funds will be transferred to the **General Scholarship Fund**, which supports other students and sponsors attending Mustang Naz Student events.

We are committed to creating life-changing experiences where students and their families grow in their faith, learn to love Christ deeply, and welcome others in His name. We are excited to partner with you on this journey!