



Frequently Asked Questions

Below is a list of frequently asked questions. Please refer to additional resource links on the website for answers to other questions you may have. You can always call the AIM office, if needed, at 806 788 3244 or 800 658 9553.

Applying to AIM

What is the application deadline to apply for AIM?

There is no set deadline to apply to AIM. AIM starts each year in early August and, in general, a good timeframe to apply for AIM would be: as early as possible after the first of the year. So, January or February would be a good time to start getting your application materials in to AIM. However, each spring and summer we also receive applications from students who did not even know about AIM back in January. This is great and we welcome applications such as these. In short, whether you've known about AIM for a long time and have had a long time to prepare to apply, or just found out about it and don't have much time before the next AIM class starts, we will work with you!

Do I need to have my support raised when I apply for AIM?

No. Go ahead and get your application materials sent to AIM first, and then concentrate on raising support.

AIM Training

What are Area Churches?

Area churches are simply churches in Lubbock and the surrounding area that participate in the training of AIM students in a special way. At the beginning of each AIM school year, the class is divided into about 8 or 9 groups, which we call "area church groups." Each Sunday you and your area church group will travel to your designated area church to worship, teach classes, work with their youth, visit shut-ins, and do service projects. You will be gone most of the day. Occasionally you may go on a Friday night and spend the weekend with the area church. You will be reassigned an Area Church in January where you will be working with the Team you will go to the field with.

What if I don't have a car?

No problem. We try to make sure each apartment has at least one person with a car to help get everyone to class.

Housing

Are the apartments furnished?

The apartments where AIM students are housed are furnished with basic items. There is a bed and a small chest of drawers for each student, and each apartment has a couch, a table and some chairs. It is worth noting that these items have been donated or left by the previous AIM class when they moved out of their apartments. That just means things are old, well-used and most likely won't match. Other items that are most likely in each apartment are: dishes, irons, coffee pots, microwaves, and toasters. Since they are all donated, if something in the apartment you are assigned to does not work, you and your roommates will need to pitch in to buy them if you want. You might want to wait to see what your apartment has before purchasing anything, unless you just want to use what you buy or received as gifts.

Can I bring extra shelves to store things on?

Yes, but the apartment management are picky about holes in the walls. If it's a stand up shelving unit, then that's no problem. However, if you want to hang things on the wall, we ask that it's not too much, and that the holes are small.

Will I have WIFI access?

The AIM apartments include free wireless internet. You will receive instructions on how to connect to the wireless network at Registration.

Can I request a certain roommate?

We don't recommend requesting roommates, for various reasons. However, if you feel the need to request one, we will try to honor the request.

When will I know who my roommates are?

Because AIM is continually receiving new applications even in the last few weeks before school starts, roommate assignments are normally not made until shortly before the start of the school year. We will try to have the housing list complete within 2-3 weeks of AIM starting. That information will be emailed to you.

Finances/Insurance

I see that you require Health Insurance. What if I am no longer on my parent's policy?

If you are not covered on a parent or guardian's policy, you will need to secure your own individual health insurance policy. This can normally be arranged through any insurance agent. Below are a couple of places you might consider contacting:

- Good Neighbor Insurance (gninsurance.com or missionaryinsurance.info). Contact Jeff or Doug Gulleson (toll-free: 1-866-636-9100).
- A local contact we often use is through Assist Financial Services. Contact Mitch Monroe or his other agents at 806-792-6113.

What are the weekend trips mentioned on the budget? Do you take trips every weekend?

The weekend trips mentioned in the budget pertain mostly to service at area churches on Sundays, which is a regular part of the AIM training. For these weekly area church visits, you will need to pay for gas and the occasional meal on the road. There are also a few weekend trips (Friday-Sunday or Saturday-Sunday) during the school year which involve visiting churches, service work, and recruiting future AIM students.

Calendar/Events

When does school start?

Registration is typically on the first Thursday in August, though it varies from year to year. Once you apply, you will eventually receive this information but you may contact the office at aim@sibi.cc or by calling 806-788-3244.

What all takes place on registration day?

Registration is from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. After registering, you will be part of an apartment orientation, where you will get directions and a key to your apartment. You'll have until 6:00 PM that night to move in, start getting set up, and shop for what you need. At 6:00 we will have a welcome dinner for students and their families and friends.

Is there anything for my parents?

There is a parent meeting at 4:00 PM on registration day.

Miscellaneous

When we are in class, can the girls wear flip flops?

Sorry, no flip flops. Sandals are okay for the girls.

You will receive the SIBI/AIM Dress Code shortly before arriving but we generally ask to keep modesty in mind on dress lengths and blouses.