



Open Gate Policies and Guidelines

We recognize that those attending Open Gate come from churches with a variety of practices and applications of Scriptural principles. Therefore, to keep a consistent witness, we ask those attending “Open Gate” to support the following guidelines.

1. We ask that students be faithful to the guidelines of their local congregations even when they extend beyond the minimum requirements of Open Gate.
2. We affirm the Biblical teaching (I Cor. 11) of naturally long hair for woman and that her veiled head is the symbol of her submission to the order of headship. The hair shall be worn up under a traditional covering or hanging veiling of sufficient size to give affirmation to the principle of headship.
3. Men’s hair shall be cut neatly and shall not be over the ears in length or reach the shirt collar. Clothing with gaudy or bizarre logos should be avoided. Shirts should have their second button fastened. Men shall dress respectfully, giving expression of Christian character and integrity.
4. Shorts, sleeveless garments, culottes or low-necked or sheer garments shall not be worn. Full skirts are required, covering the knees both while sitting and standing. Tight and form-fitting clothing shall be avoided. Women shall dress giving proper affirmation to the principles of modesty and decency.
5. Both men and women shall dress appropriately for all activities of outreach and evangelism. Instruction will be given during the week when formal or casual dress is expected.
6. Guy/Girl Relationships - Since this is a short-term mission program, dating is not to take place while enrolled at Open Gate. We are promoting an atmosphere where interaction will be as a group and isolated guy/girl relationships are not to be observed. Attendees are expected to be courteous and respectful at all times and maintain Christian standards of conduct and respect towards those in leadership.
7. Those who are responsible for this ministry may feel a need to talk with an individual about specific applications or behavior that need improvement. Please listen respectfully and cooperate graciously as concerns are expressed. This will make the program go much more smoothly and avoid giving Satan an opportunity to hinder God’s work by creating misunderstandings and divisions.
8. These guidelines are to be observed during the term of Open Gate from arrival until departure.
9. Additional direction will be given at orientation in respect to personal conduct, automobile use, recreational time, dorm life and overall principles of conduct for the program of Open Gate.