

# Canvassing Student Manual

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We're excited that you are considering this spiritual appointment at the up-coming canvassing program as a volunteer student literature evangelist. We'd like to encourage you with the following statement:

*God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books, and canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their spiritual education and enlightenment. This is the very work the Lord would have His people do at this time. All who consecrate themselves to God to work as canvassers are assisting to give the last message of warning to the world. We cannot too highly estimate this work; for were it not for the efforts of the canvasser, many would never hear the warning.*

– *The Colporteur Evangelist*, pg 5

## Student Guidelines

1. Must have the desire to grow personally and a willingness to learn
2. We provide a low-fat, low-sugar, vegetarian, caffeine-free diet. You are encouraged to maintain a healthy constitution.
3. Have a good attitude. *“By courteous behavior and kindness such a worker may open the door of many homes” (CM p. 88).*
4. Dress for the Lord. *“Untidiness in dress brings a reproach against the truth we profess to believe. You should consider that you are a representative of the Lord Jesus Christ” (CM p. 65).* See Dress Guidelines. No jewelry is to be worn. If in doubt, don't wear it.
5. Students are charged for their book costs and an evenly-distributed share of program expenses (food, fuel, etc.).
6. Since this ministry takes place on God's property no secular or unapproved music, literature or media can be brought to the program. Only classical or easy listening Christian music after hours.
7. The use of mobile phones should be limited to personal time only. They are not to be used during worship, training or outreach time.
8. The student, after proper training and experience, should be able to deliver an average of one book per hour.
9. Because of the demands placed on students to master complex concepts of the canvassing work, we ask you to refrain from intense or romantic relationships during the program. Please see leader for additional questions.
10. Your most important responsibility is to enjoy your time-sharing God's love and working for the Lord.

## Finances

Students may attend the program as a volunteer LE or as an independent distributor.

As a volunteer literature evangelist, you will be under Eastward's public liability insurance and will be on the doors raising funds for Eastward Missions and distributing Christian literature. At Eastward's sole discretion, we give you a commission of donations raised during the program (around 70% of net). Please contact us for further questions. ([eman@eastward.edu.au](mailto:eman@eastward.edu.au), 0468 321 559)

Alternatively, if you wish to canvass independently under your own public liability insurance, you may do so and distribute books during the program on consignment, purchased from Eastward with minimal mark-up. You will also be charged a distributed share of weekly program food & fuel expenses.

## Dress Guidelines

Due to the unique nature of the canvassing work, we ask you to abide by the following dress code:

1. **Neat.** Regular showers, decently dressed, hair well-groomed, teeth brushed, etc.
2. **Professional.** First impressions are extremely important for door-to-door work. Because of this we ask you, during canvassing hours, to dress with a professional look.
  - a. **Men:** Cool slacks or neat jeans, shirts with collars (no large advertising emblems on the shirts such as rock bands, sports, etc.).
  - b. **Ladies:** Dresses, skirts (well below the knee), tops with sleeves (no advertising emblems such as music logos, sports, etc.).
3. **Modest.** Modesty is a part of the Christian lifestyle. In this area we particularly separate ourselves from worldly dress. Clothes should not be tight fitting or revealing in any way. This is very important for your *personal safety* on the streets. Modesty must also characterize your clothing while off-duty. No jewelry or tank tops are to be worn.

Our belief in Christ's soon coming separates us from the world. We show this in all aspects of life. Dress is a major area to distinguish our lives as different and Christian. We ask you to study dress and its principles from the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy.

## Safety Guidelines

1. Always carry the two-way radio with you, **including** into a house.
2. Keep within line-of-sight from the street curb **as much as possible**,
3. **Only** enter a house after **calling the leader and giving him/her the address and don't enter until he/she responds**. After exiting the house, let your leader know.
4. **Females, never enter a house alone where there are only males**. Make sure there is a female present before you enter. **Males, never enter a house alone where there are only females**. Make

sure there is male present before you enter.

5. If you should be harassed or feel threatened at any time, immediately call your leader, whether you're in a house or on the street.

Our greatest concern is for your safety. Be careful and claim this text: "The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them." Ps. 34:7.