



NEBRASKA UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION MINISTRY GRANT ENDOWMENT FUND INFORMATION

The Nebraska United Methodist Foundation awards a limited number of small grants to Nebraska churches and affiliated agencies of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference. Through these awards of grant dollars, we seek to enhance and expand their ministries. The ultimate goal of these awards is to provide assistance whether it is a one-time grant or a grant that will help a ministry become self-sustaining.

Applications must be received by 5pm on September 30. These grants are made only for programs and activities necessary for those programs or activities. *They are not made for building repair, replacement, salaries, to operate, or expansion.* The grants awarded for ministries come from the Foundation's "Gifts From the Heart" Endowment Fund.

THE "GIFTS FROM THE HEART" ENDOWMENT FUND

The Foundation's "Gifts From the Heart" Endowment Fund has been established through the generosity of individual donors. The income generated from the principal of these funds can only be used in the awarding of grants and may not be available every year. These five funds are supported by an additional fund called the **Anonymous Fund**, which provides the opportunity to help even more ministries and individuals accomplish their dreams and goals. The five funds are as follows:

MISSIONS ENDOWMENT This endowment encourages putting faith and love into action through engagement in our world with the hope that it opens hearts, opens minds, and opens doors; it provides support of mission trips and other involvement that promotes local, global, and national engagement.

YOUTH AND CAMPING ENDOWMENT This endowment encourages, searches out, and supports camping and new and unique church youth programs which will attract more youth to the church, provide a strong foundation upon which our youth build their lives, and encourage youth to become leaders in their churches and communities.

GREATEST NEEDS ENDOWMENT This endowment aggressively seeks opportunities to provide help where needed; where it makes a difference in lives; where it gives hope; where it helps a church to grow; wherever we can be of service.

PASTORAL EDUCATION & SUPPORT ENDOWMENT This endowment assures that pastors can participate in continuing education studies to further benefit the pastor and the congregation.

NEW START/NEW FAITH COMMUNITY New Start/New Faith Community congregations incur significant start-up costs, and they look to their Annual Conference "family" for financial assistance in their early, formative years. This endowment helps to assure that young congregations have every opportunity to succeed in bringing God's love into their members' lives.



NEBRASKA UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION MINISTRY GRANT GUIDELINES & CRITERIA

Please read thoroughly and carefully.

It is the mission of the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation (“Foundation”) to be a catalyst that strengthens our Nebraska ministries and supports and develops innovative ministries meeting the needs of a diverse and rapidly changing society. This grant is supported by the Foundation’s “Gifts from the Heart” Endowment Fund.

Grant applicants should be aware that priority will be given to the following:

- A ministry that is consistent with the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation’s mission to complement and reinforce the stewardship ministry of the churches, organizations, and programs within the State of Nebraska.
- A ministry deemed to be of an outreach nature to the larger community.
- A ministry that is in collaboration with other United Methodist entities.
- A ministry that has identified other sources of revenue.
- A ministry that is an integral part of a long-range plan for ministry in the community.

Grants will be awarded on an annual basis. **Applications must be received by 5pm September 30** to be considered for a grant to be awarded upon commencement of the program during the following calendar year. A grant application must be submitted along with any other additional material that is to be attached to the application. If an application is not submitted, the request will not be considered. Due to a high number of applicants and limited funding, **we will now only be accepting one application per church.**

Foundation grant awards are reviewed by the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation Stewardship Committee. Grants approved by the Foundation’s Stewardship Committee are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the Foundation at the October board meeting. The Foundation reserves the right to reject in whole or in part any grant application that it deems to be incomplete or not in accordance with the mission and policies set forth by the Foundation. The decision of the Board of Directors of the Foundation regarding all awards shall be final.

Grants may be renewable up to three years within a five year period contingent upon the availability of funding sources and the quality and scope of the project. It is not guaranteed that grants will be awarded the full amount of the request. Grants will be conditional upon requirements being met and documented to the Foundation’s satisfaction. All grants awarded shall require no less than annual reporting to the Foundation as to the progress of the project, how the funds were used within the progress and the financial activity resulting from the grant in the event that the grant is awarded and will be applied for again the following year. **If a new application with the progress and financial activity report is not received, the ministry will not be considered for future grants.**

For questions, please contact Jackie Urkoski at 877-495-5545 or at jurkoski@numf.org.
Applications are available at www.numf.org.



NEBRASKA UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION MINISTRY GRANT APPLICATION

"Gifts From The Heart" Endowment Fund

PLEASE PRINT or TYPE

Name of Organization/Church _____

Name of Ministry in Need _____

Name of Person Applying _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

District in the State of Nebraska _____ EIN# (required) _____

Please attach materials that include:

- a. Narrative with details about the ministry including purpose, plan, and significance of program
- b. Mission and/or Vision Statement
- c. Timeline and ministry/program budget (including all sources of funding) covering the next three years

What is the amount you are requesting from the Foundation? \$ _____

How does your ministry relate to the Great Plains Area United Methodist Conference? _____

Have funds for this purpose been requested at the Conference level? Yes No

If yes, were the District and/or Conference funds awarded? Yes No

If no, what was the reason as to why these funds were not awarded for your ministry? _____

If yes, is a Foundation grant necessary for the program to proceed/continue? Yes No

If yes, please explain _____

Have you received a grant previously from the Foundation? Yes No

If yes, please attach details of the use of those funds with this application.

Completed form needs to be **received by 5pm September 30**. Mail form to:

Jackie Urkoski
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NEBRASKA UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION MINISTRY GRANT SUMMARY PAGE

If applying for a second or third year grant, **this page and the application** must be received by 5pm September 30.

Church/Conference Agency: _____

Pastor or Grant Coordinator: _____

Brief summary of how the grant was used (*pictures and stories of your ministry are greatly appreciated*):

(Remember, any one receiving a grant last year, must fill out this form and a new application in order to be eligible for a grant this year)

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