

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION



A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA to be used for programs that address “housing, feeding, education and health with regard to the less fortunate.” A panel will select recipients for grants of up to \$5,000 largely based on the degree to which the funds will be used to *directly assist persons in poverty*. Ministries must be in a direct relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply, and only one application per church or Region will be considered per 12 month period. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or Region, checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

1. General Information

Church or Region:

Region Affiliation with ABCUSA:

Ministry or Group receiving these funds:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Federal Tax ID#:

Contact person:

Email:

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement.
- A financial statement FOR THIS MINISTRY. This can be a budget or projected budget, and should not exceed 2 pages. Church budgets are not acceptable.

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

5. Total cost of the project:

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant:

7. Your other funding source(s):

I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct, and that we will use any granted funds as described. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant.

Application submitted by:

Date:

Please note:

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
- Application deadline is March 1 for grants distributed on April 15; September 1 for grants distributed on October 15
- Completed applications should be sent via email to Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

See the following information and instructions for more details.

The Mission Statement of the First Baptist Church of Rockport is to “Follow Jesus and Proclaim Him to the World”.

This grant application is for a “college exposure” outreach event. Studies repeatedly demonstrate the great value of a college education for long-term financial stability, healthy living and community participation. It is much more difficult for children from lower economic brackets and families where no one has attended college to attend college. By 8th grade, most students will already decide whether or not they will go to college. To that end it is important to reach all students starting in 8th grade with the picture of the possibility of attending college. For those students who are at a high risk of not making it to college, specific efforts need to be made at encouraging them to consider higher education as a viable option.

To, that end the purpose of this outreach is to work through our existing Youth Group to focus on providing students from low-income and first generation backgrounds an opportunity to experience and consider a future in College. This exposure will take place in an overnight trip to University of Massachusetts (Amherst). The goal is not to explicitly promote UMASS, but rather let the middle and high school students experience a day at college with the hopes that they will one day pursue higher education.

This experience will help to directly battle poverty by exposing youth from low-income backgrounds to the possibility of College education, which is one the best ways to move out of poverty.

The figures below are based on a projected goal of taking 30 students, two staff and four additional adult volunteers from Rockpor to Umass (this is an approximate trip of 2.5 hours).

Expenses:

Transportation: (Bus Rental) \$2,000

Food: \$1,500

Lodging Costs: \$2,000

Publicity Costs: \$500

Supplies for Material to give to students that will promote college (ie. books/college gift): \$500

Staff Costs: (covered in church budget)

Total Outreach Event Cost: (excluding staff costs)

\$6,500

Sources of Funding:

Matthew 25 Grant = \$5,000

Student Contribution Offset (\$30 from each student) = \$900

Church Funding = \$600

Regular Church Budget will cover costs of the staff leading trip.