

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2017



A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA Office of the General Secretary, 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. Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that includes non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church for work being done directly by that church.

Only one application per church will be considered within a 24-month period. Because this change was made following the Fall 2016 cycle, recipients of a Spring 2016 grant are eligible to apply.

Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions, rainy day funds, church benevolent funds, regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance), repairs, or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church that is applying for the grant; checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

Tab through the document to fill in all the fields below.

1. Applicant Information

Name of Church: Ridgeview Baptist Church
Mailing Address: 3838 N. Vermillion St. Danville, IL 61832
Phone: 217-442-2210 Federal Tax ID#: 37-1074244
Name of Region: Great Rivers Region
Contact person (person completing this form): Tony Goss
Email of contact person: TonyMaryGoss@aol.com

Does your church contribute to United Mission? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Have you previously been awarded an ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If so, have you submitted your report on the use of the funds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. What ministry or group will use these funds?

Ridgeview Baptist Church mission's board.

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

Please include a very brief and specific statement on how the money will be spent. For example: to purchase school supplies for 100 elementary school children; to provide summer camp scholarships for 10 children from low-income families; purchase diapers and wipes for single mothers. You are encouraged to attach a longer description (no more than one page) of the ministry or project.

To provide school supplies, winter coats, and school uniforms to a high poverty district, Danville District 118.

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? What impact do you hope to make on the target group or community?

The Matthew 25 grant funds will allow students from low income families the necessary supplies for school. By fulfilling this need, more students can fully participate in all class activities. We hope to positively impact their education by taking away the inability to be prepared for class. Many of these students also come to school without proper winter attire. These students are spending time at bus stops or walking to and from school with no coats, gloves, or scarves. The impact would be both educational and health related. Lastly, the school district requires a school uniform for all students. Many students wear the same clothes repeatedly, or have ill-fitting uniforms. By providing uniforms for these students, we take away the stress and stigma of having proper uniforms and allow them to focus on their

education. All of these items we hope to provide will shift the focus from basic school needs to learning.

5. Total cost of the project: \$2,250
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$1,500
7. List other funding source(s): \$750 will be funded by the "special outreach funds" provided by Ridgeview's missions gifts. These "discretionary" funds are a percentage of the general missions giving of our church and managed by our Board of Missions for ministries of their choosing.
8. Please submit along 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.

By submitting this application on behalf of (church name) Ridgeview Baptist Church, I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct. We agree to use and/or disburse any grant funds awarded for the sole purpose as described within this application. 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 (name of person): Tony Goss (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 8/30/2017

Please note:

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
- Application deadline September 1. Grants will be distributed no later than October 15.
- Only electronic submissions of completed applications and supporting documents will be accepted. Completed applications should be sent via email to Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org.
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

Instructions and information for completing the 2017 ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant application

1. General information

Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that include non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church in good standing.

When determining Grants awards, the following criteria will be considered: whether the church is in good standing within the region; whether the church contributes to United Mission; number of and amounts of previous Matthew 25 Grants received; sustainability of ministry beyond Matthew 25 Grant funding; description of ministry and needs addressed by funding; and the budget submitted along with this application.

Checks will be made payable to the church. Checks will not be made to an individual or ministry.

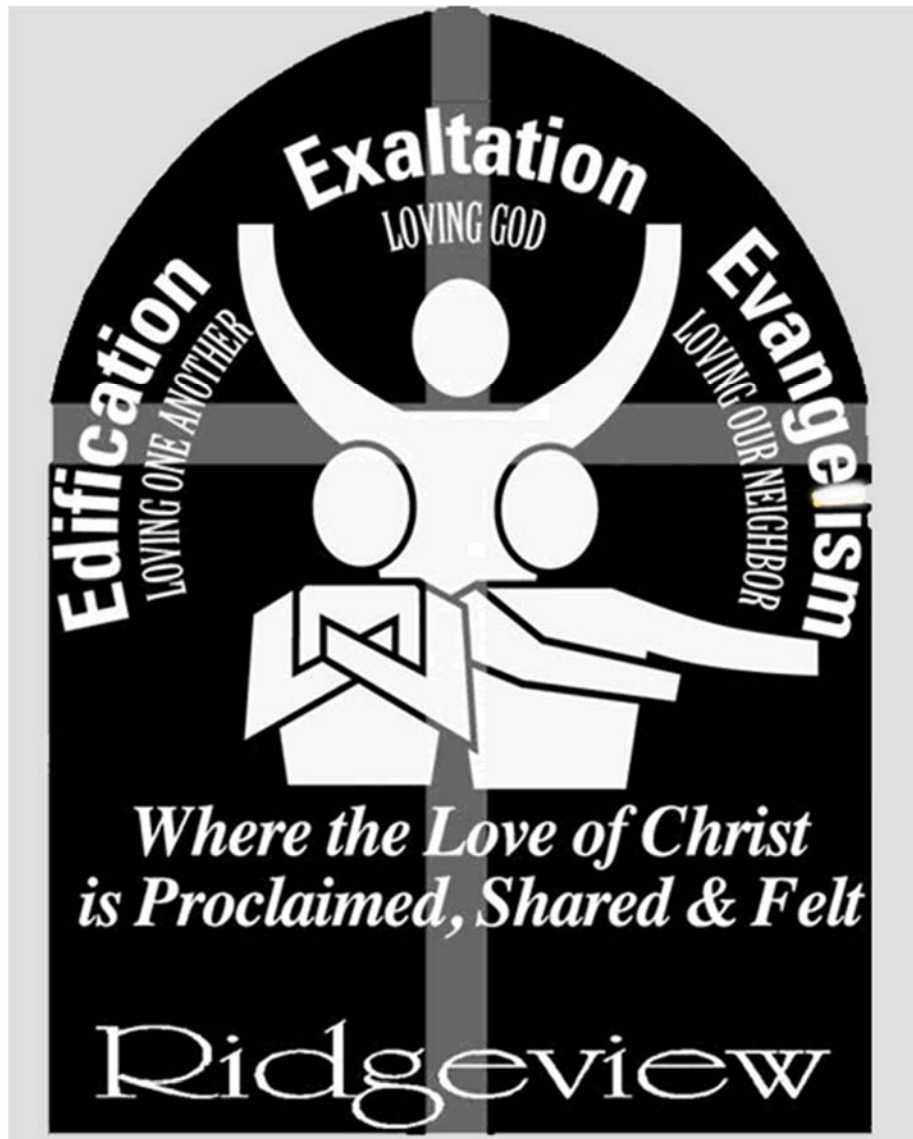
3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

Project Description

The Danville school district is a high poverty, 100% free lunch and breakfast district. In past years, our Board of Missions has been able to provide a limited number of school supplies, uniforms, and winter attire to help these families. Students are able to learn in a fully functional environment due in part to these donations. As shown in the attached receipts and budget, our funds have been reduced from about \$1,500 to \$400 in recent years. Although our ability to provide has decreased, our desire to positively impact these students, as well as the need, has grown. We are passionate about seeing these students reach their fullest potential and giving them the necessities is a great first step.

Our Board of Missions will be providing \$750 towards our project from our “special outreach funds.” These funds come from the missions offerings given by the congregation. We will use \$250 to provide school uniforms, \$250 for school supplies, and \$250 for winter attire (coats, hats, gloves). This money will improve the living situation of several families in the district, but our goal is to reach further into our community with the help of a Matthew’s grant.

All items will be purchased by the church and distributed to the schools in our community where members of Ridgeview are teachers. This will empower our church’s teachers (members) and their colleagues to give directly to the students within their classes and schools as they determine to be in need. By having our congregation members directly involved in the distribution of help, we hope that the Love of Christ will be both demonstrated and shared clearly and effectively in Jesus’ name.



Mission Statement

Ridgeview Baptist Church is the church where the Love of Christ is proclaimed, shared and felt through exaltation, edification and evangelism.

Projected Budget

WITH Matthew Grant

School uniforms: \$750

School supplies: \$750

Winter attire: \$750

WITHOUT Matthew Grant

School uniforms: \$250

School supplies: \$250

Winter attire: \$250