#### 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: Main Street Baptist Church (MSBC)

Region Affiliation with ABCUSA: West Virginia Baptist Convention

Ministry or Group receiving these funds: MSBC Blessings In A Backpack Ministry

Mailing Address: 1100 Main Street, Point Pleasant, WV 25550

Phone: 304-675-4062 (church)

Federal Tax ID#: 31-1050650

Contact person: Maria V. Eshenaur

Email: meshenaur@gmail.com

- 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?

Requested funds will be directly used to purchase food items to provide "blessings in a backpack" (food over school breaks such as weekends and holidays) to kindergarten through second grade students at Point Pleasant Primary School, in Point Pleasant, WV.

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

This school is ranked #2 in the county for low-socioeconomic status students. These food packages will go home weekly with referred students to combat food insecurity.

- 5. Total cost of the project: \$3000.00 estimate for 2016
- 6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$1500.00
- 7. Your other funding source(s): Church member giving

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: Maria V. Eshenaur

Date: 2/27/2016

#### 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 <u>Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org</u>. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

See the following information and instructions for more details.

# Main Street Baptist Church Blessings In a Backpack Ministry

Attachment to ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant Application

Mission Statement: Everyone a Minister

# **Backpack Ministry 2016 Annual Budget**

### **Projected Income**

Regular Church Member Giving \$ 1,500.00 Matthew 25 Grant \$ 1,500.00

Total Projected Income \$ 3,000.00

**Projected Expenses** 

Food Items for Blessing Bags \$ (3,000.00)

Total Projected Expenses \$ (3,000.00)