

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 relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply, and only one application per church or ministry will be considered per year. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions.

1. General Information:

Organization Name Zion Baptist Church
Affiliation with ABCUSA ABC-Ohio Member Church
Address 1684 Earlham Drive
Dayton, OH 45406
Phone (937) 275-6906 Federal Tax ID# 31-0975562
Contact person Rev. Rockney Carter email rockney.carter@gmail.com

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. How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? (Please submit on separate sheet. Maximum of one page.)

4. Total cost of the project \$143,000.00

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6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$5,000.00

7. Your other funding source(s) Rental Income from DayCare Provider; Church Scholarship Endowments; State of Ohio Subsidy Program

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 within six months of receipt of the grant.

(Signed) Rev. Dr. Rockney Carter Date: August 31, 2015

Printed Name/Title Rev. Dr. Rockney Carter, Senior Pastor

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; Sept. 1 for grants distributed on Oct. 15
- Completed applications should be sent via email to Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

DAYCARE – STUDENTS ANNUAL COSTS AND RATES

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I. MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

The mission statement of this Church, as adopted in August, 2011, attempts to speak to a number of Biblical doctrines and disciplines; it further attempts to encourage this assembly of believers so that we might find unity in our commonalities and desires to serve Christ and the community. The mission statement says: *We are a church, empowered by God, to minister and witness to this community. Charged to open blind eyes and transform God's people from darkness to His marvelous light. To preach and teach the Word of God, with prayer and love as the foundation. To share in Christian unity and be a place where all are welcome.* We stand behind this mission statement.

God also wanted to unify us in our worship experience by giving us a simple vision statement. As we analyze and strategize on how He would have us to grow the church, it became quite clear that the Bible spoke directly on this subject. In August, 2011, we also received and accepted this vision statement, as lifted up from John 12:32: *And I, if I be lifted up from the Earth, will draw all men unto me.* We believe and know that it is the power of God that can attract all of those whom He has called to his service at Zion Baptist and this community. We stand behind this vision statement.

II. How will the funds be used?

The funds will be used as seed money to supplement the educational funds that fund the costs and tuition for students to attend Lisa's First Step Academy. As of March 15, 2015, Zion has finalized it's relationship with Lisa's First Step Academy! The Daycare is an official, state licensed facility which has approval for up to forty children to be on site. The Daycare is an outreach program on church grounds that is in operation fourteen hours per day, six days a week. This environment will allow for impoverished and indigent single mothers and children to be cared for at a state licensed facility.

How will the funds assist people in battling poverty and its ill effects?

The poor families of the local community will have an opportunity to have their immediate needs met. The primary need of educational costs assistance is huge. As you can see from the attached chart, the rates/costs for individual families could be staggering for a single mother with multiple children. Zion Baptist would supply funding assistance through a successful church-funded scholarship program. The Matthew 25 grant funds would supplement and assist that program. There will be educational activities, clothing opportunities and a state sanctioned feeding program. The mothers will benefit by being free to seek educational and occupational opportunities to help lift them from their cycle of poverty and despair. They will also be nurtured in a Christian environment which could lead to souls being won to Christ.