



New England Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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New England Synod Grants for Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Maximum amount awarded: \$5,000

Purpose of Grant:

To help fund new initiatives in Youth and Young Adult Ministry (Youth and Young Adults are defined as people from middle school through age 30) by providing seed money or new initiative funding for ministry projects that engage congregations in endeavors that encourage youth or young adults in the life of a congregation and/or living out the Christian faith in new ways. Preference is given to new projects that are partially funded by other sources, such as individuals in a congregation. We want to see projects that demonstrate meaningful engagement by youth and/or young adults.

Past recipients of the grant used the funds to:

- Assist a Youth Gospel Choir preparing for a Tour
- Support for a Youth Cross Cultural trip to Romania
- Develop a project for ESL classes among young adults
- Seed funding for a church based music school
- Provide financial assistance to High School youth group mission and/or service trips

This grant funds only programmatic aspects of the ministry. Excluded from the funding are salaries, equipment and capital improvement. Grants are provided only to congregations or ministries of the New England Synod, not to individuals.

Applications must follow these procedures and contain this information in order to be considered:

1. Two to three pages, double-spaced.
2. Project name and project leaders, with contact information.
3. A detailed budget, with income and expense categories.
4. An introductory paragraph, followed by a detailed description of the project.
5. A demonstration of the goals of the project and a clear statement on how you will achieve those goals.
6. Application Deadline: December 15, 2016.
7. Important: Preference is given to applications that are clean, well-written, on target and specific. Handwritten applications will not be considered.
8. Post-event reporting to Synod Council at the outcome of the project

Grants are awarded at the end of January, by action of the Synod Council, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee. Checks in the full amount of the grant are issued by March 30.

NOTE: All completed applications for grants should be sent to Synod House by email, attention of lwasilewski@nesynod.org, or by mail, to the attention of Lyn Wasilewski, New England Synod, 20 Upland St., Worcester, MA 01607-1624, and they *must be received by December 15*.

*Approved by Synod Council, New England Synod
April 2, 2016*