

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 described above. The applying ministry must be directly affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to submit an application. Only one application per church or region will be considered within a 24-month period. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions, rainy day fund, church benevolent fund, or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or Region 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 or Region: University of Sioux Falls

Mailing Address: 1101 22nd St W., Sioux Falls SD 57105

Phone: 605-331-6777

Federal Tax ID#: 46-0224600

Region: ABC of the Dakotas

Contact person (person completing this form): Pastor Dennis Thum

Email: dennis.thum@usioxford.edu

Affiliation with American Baptist Churches USA:

☐ Church

☐ Region

☒ Other, please explain

University affiliated with ABC for 133 yrs.

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?

Campus Ministry

If this application is being submitted on behalf of another organization or ministry, you agree to be the fiscal agent for any grant funds awarded. (please initial) DT

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 to single mothers. You are encouraged to attach a longer description (no more than one page) of the ministry or project. Bring 5-7 college students to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in western SD and help pack meals and personal hygiene supplies at the school by Sharps Corner. We serve students at the reservation and give our students an opportunity to engage with the people at the reservation.

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?

Immediate alleviation of critical shortages of food and hygiene products on the reservation; tangible demonstration of Christian compassion for children and other caught in a cycle of poverty; college students impacted by witnessing poverty and its effects first-hand, and by being shown ways to make a difference.

5. Total cost of the project: \$1500.

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$750
7. List other funding source(s): Campus Ministry budget of University of Sioux Falls
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/region/organization name)University of Sioux Falls Campus Ministry, 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): Dennis Thum (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 07-15-2016

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 ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant application

1. General information

Applicants must be a recognized ABC church, Region office or organization directly affiliated with an ABC organization such as ABCUSA, ABHMS and IM.

An ABC church or region may submit an application for a ministry they are supporting. If a grant is awarded, the church or region assumes fiscal responsibility for the use of these funds.

Checks will be made payable to the ABC church, region or affiliated organization. Checks will not be made to an individual or ministry.

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

Briefly describe what will be purchased with the grant funds if awarded. Be specific with the expected use of these funds. This should be a very short and specific statement on where the money will be spent and not include a narrative of the ministry project.

You are encouraged to provide a longer description of the ministry but this additional information must be limited to no more than one page in length.

Please note that grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions and salaries, for capital improvements to church facilities, or to maintain a "Rainy Day fund," or church benevolent fund.

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

Describe how the Matthew 25 grant funds will benefit those less fortunate. What effect and impact do you hope to have on individuals battling poverty or the community you are hoping to serve?

5. Total cost of the project

List the total amount of this project or ministry need.

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

One application per church or region will be considered per 24 month period. The maximum amount awarded is \$5,000. If you have previously been a Matthew 25 grant recipient, you must have submitted a follow-up report in order to be eligible to reapply.

7. Your other funding source(s).

List all other sources providing funding for this ministry.

8. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement

Include as an attachment a copy of the church or ministry's mission statement.

- A financial statement for this ministry

This budget or projected budget must include specific expenses and income for the ministry applying for the Matthew 25 grant funding. Church budgets are not acceptable.

Other information and requirements

By submitting an application,

- You certify that all information submitted is true and correct;
- You agree to use and/or disburse any awarded grant funds for the sole purpose as described within this application;
- You agree to supply a one page report on the use of funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant;
- You give ABCUSA permission to share your story via the ABCUSA website or newsletter;
- You give ABCUSA permission to use the photograph(s) submitted for printing and/or posting.

I have reviewed the instructions provided. (initial here) DT

Your typed name and initials are your electronic signatures on this document.

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT—Addendum to University of Sioux Falls application

Mission Statement

The University of Sioux Falls, a Christian University in the liberal arts tradition, educates students in the humanities, sciences and professions. The traditional motto of the University is Culture for Service; that is, we seek to foster academic excellence and the development of mature Christian persons for service to God and humankind in the world.

Through programs in the humanities, sciences and professions, the University helps persons grow intellectually, discern truth and develop a Christian worldview. As a Christian institution, the University of Sioux Falls fosters in all members of its community the development of emotional maturity, physical well-being, interpersonal skills and values which reflect the character and teaching of Christ.

The University of Sioux Falls is committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and to the integration of biblical faith and learning; it affirms that Christians are called to share their faith with others through lives of service. Campus Ministry in particular seeks to help students find ways to live out this calling.

The University is affiliated with the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A., and welcomes students of any faith or denomination.

Budget for Outreach to Pine Ridge (per semester)

\$200	Van rental and fuel	\$80	Housing		
\$150	Food	\$320	Supplies to Donate	\$750	Total

Narrative Statement

Rock Ford Elementary School is on the Pine Ridge Reservation on North Big Foot Trail, just north of Sharps Corner, SD. It is in a high need area about four hours from Sioux Falls. Between its weekend food backpack program and the emergency pantry at nearby Sharps Corner Baptist Church, there is always a need for volunteers to help pack the food and stock the shelves. This is not a new ministry that needs to be developed, but an existing program that needs additional help.

We have accommodations available through the church, and an excellent contact in the school counselor who gave us a standing invitation to come and help, and also to interact with the people.

The costs of a vehicle, fuel, housing and food normally come from the Campus Ministry budget, supplemented by the students themselves. In the past we have taken one trip per year. Additional funding will make it possible for us to take two trips per year (one each semester), giving more students exposure to the project and providing more help to the people of Sharps Corner.

The majority of our students, even those from South Dakota, have never set foot on a reservation. Many have never had the chance to simply interact with Native Americans. The goal of this project is to serve, and to also be with the people served and learn from them.

Since Sharps Corner is a short distance from the site of the infamous 1890 Wounded Knee massacre, there is also a great deal of historical significance and educational value to bringing our students to this area.