

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 discernment team 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 Milton Baptist Church Backpack Ministry
Affiliation with ABCUSA Member church
Address 1123 Church St.
Milton, WV 25541
Phone 304-743-3461 Federal Tax ID# _____
Contact person Leah Ball email leba11428@aol.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 \$ 12,250

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$ 4000.00

6. Your other funding source(s) church budget and donations

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) Leah E. Ball Date 8/26/15

Printed Name/Title Leah E. Ball Mission chair person

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.



Milton Baptist Backpack Ministry

The Backpack Ministry at Milton Baptist Church works to provide food for students who might go hungry or have little to eat over the weekend, while away from school. We fill bags with a variety of foods that are easy for the children to prepare such as cereal, juice, poptarts, fruits cups, oats, and soups.

This will be the fourth year we have provided a Backpack Ministry for children in poverty at our local elementary school. The first year we supplied food to twenty-five students, who had been identified by the faculty and staff at the school, to be handed out on Fridays. The second year our numbers grew as we provided for fifty-one students. Last year we again increased the number of students we provided for to eighty-one at the elementary level and expanded the ministry to the middle school averaging twelve students. We anticipate that once again our numbers will increase making our need to supply food to these children even greater.

As an extension to our program we have an Angel Tree ministry for these children where members of our church and community “adopt” a child and buy Christmas presents for him/her. Our Backpack Ministry also packs food for the families of these children to insure they have a complete meal for Christmas and some other foods to help get them through the holidays.

Our goal is to provide nutrition for the children when they are away from school so they do not return to school hungry at the beginning of the next week. We hope these students return to school more alert and ready to focus on learning. The money from this grant would go to help purchase the food supplies so we can continue to help these children to become more healthy and successful students and hopefully productive adults in the future.

Milton Baptist Church Backpack Ministry

Mission Statement: To feed the hungry children to aid in improving their quality of life both physically and emotionally.

Projected Budget:

Each bag costs approximately \$3.00 to fill and we anticipate filling 125 bags per week.
We will send the bags home a minimum of 30 weeks.

Weekly budget needs \$375.00

Yearly budget need: \$11,250

Angel Tree Christmas approximately \$20 per family and approximately 50 families.

Christmas budget need: \$1000

Total Budget: \$12, 250