

First Lutheran Foundation Funding Request Guidelines

MISSION: The First Lutheran Foundation of Detroit Lakes is entrusted with furthering the mission of First Lutheran Church and enhancing its presence in the community; apart from the general operation of the congregation. The Foundation shall acquire and receive funds and property as an endowment and shall allocate the income therefrom for charitable, religious, literary and educational purposes.

FUNDING REQUEST TIMELINES: Applications for funding may be submitted to the First Lutheran Foundation as follows:

Application Deadline	Application Reviewed	Applicant Notified
December 31 st	January meeting	By February 1 st
March 31 st	April meeting	By May 1 st
June 30 th	July meeting	By August 1 st
September 30 th	October meeting	By November 1 st

FUNDING PRIORITIES: Preference for funding will be given to active participants in First Lutheran's broad Mission Statement: **Opening Doors to Life in Christ**. Requests from other Christian individuals and charitable organizations deemed worthy by the Foundation Board will be considered. Areas of potential funding include, but are not limited to:

- Scholarships
- Educational ministries
- Social ministries
- Ecumenical ministries
- New program development (Start-up costs)
- New congregational development (Start-up costs)
- Staff training
- Parish transportation
- Programs for people with spiritual/economic needs
- Youth activities
- Social science agencies
- Mission outreach (local, national, international)

GRANT AWARDS: The size of the grant awards will be determined by the Board, in consideration of the merits of the application, and, the amount of income available to be spent at that time. There is no arbitrary maximum.

FUNDING EXCLUSIONS: Costs that should have been included in the Church's operating budget, capital improvements, debt retirement, and any other activity that is not in accord with the Mission Statement.