



Endowment Fund Application Guidelines

The mission of St. Luke Lutheran Church: *Proclaim, Serve and Witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

Grant Guidelines and Procedures:

The purpose of the St. Luke Lutheran Church Endowment Fund shall be to use the income and discretionary principal there from to further the ministry of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Endowment receives many grant requests each year, but it can only fund a few of all the worthy requests. The guidelines and procedures have been set forth by the endowment board to make the process easier for those applying and to help make the best choice in the proposals for the year. The mission statement of St. Luke Lutheran Church is used by the Endowment as a basis to focus on the areas of: community outreach through ministry, education and philanthropy.

- A. Community Outreach: Our community outreach through ministry focuses primarily on ministering to social needs in the Pee Dee area. The social needs must be substantiated through documentation.
- B. Education: The education grants focus on providing Christian education programs throughout the Pee Dee area.
- C. Philanthropy: Our philanthropic grants focus on supporting and nurturing the missions of St. Luke Lutheran Church as well as other charitable organizations.

The Endowment generally does not support the following:

- Loans or cash grants to individuals
- Requests to settle debts of individuals and organizations, including loans and mortgages
- Endowments
- Government/political programs
- No recurring budget line items or general expenses for St. Luke Lutheran Church. However, the Endowment Committee may support special projects for any standing Committee of St. Luke Lutheran Church

After reviewing the information above, submit your completed application online via the link provided. Applications are accepted from **November 2 – December 18**. Applications will be reviewed according to the purpose of the Endowment Fund and announced by **April 1**. Should you need assistance with this process, please contact Brian Lowe, Community Investment Officer for Eastern Carolina Community Foundation, at brian@easterncarolinacf.org.

New Grants Portal

ECCF is now using the Foundant Grants Lifecycle Manager (GLM) platform.

What to Expect:

- A seamless and user-friendly platform for registering your organization and applying for a grant.

Get Ready:

Visit the [Foundant GLM Applicant Tutorial support page](#) to:

- Watch a tutorial video of the new platform.
- Learn how to create an account, log in, and apply.

Please note: These resources are standardized and created by Foundant GLM staff. The ECCF version of GLM will include unique branding and customized forms that differ from what is shown in the tutorials.

Need Help?

If you have any questions, run into any issues with the new portal, or need to update your organization's information, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at brian@easterncarolinacf.org or by calling 843-667-1131.

Please Note:

Applications submitted by mail, email, fax, or hand delivery will not be accepted. **All declination notices will be sent by email.**

All applications must be submitted through the online grant portal. Available grant opportunities will be listed on the "Apply" page only during their open application period. If no grants appear on the page, we are not currently accepting applications.

Applicants are encouraged to review the entire application before entering information. You may log out and return to complete your application at any time prior to submission. **However, once the application has been submitted, no further edits or changes can be made.**