



GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES - 2018-2019

Purpose

The NT-NL Synod Council and the NT-NL Stewardship Committee established the Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) in 1992. The purpose of the MEF is to enhance the Synod's efforts to support its mission ministries and offer individual stewardship opportunities beyond the general operation of the NT-NL Synod. The goal of the Mission Endowment Fund is to award grants for specific and identifiable projects or programs of NT-NL Synod missions and congregations.

Priorities

Specifically, the Mission Endowment Fund seeks to support the following:

1. Proposals that suggest innovative ways to raise up new rostered/lay leaders for effective performative ministry
2. Proposals to assist new mission starts;
3. Proposals to assist ministries in newly and existing congregations that have potential but have inadequate financial resources.

Note: The MEF board will not consider applications for funds to be used for construction of buildings or upgrades to existing buildings.

Guidelines

The following guidelines shall be used to request and administer MEF grants:

1. Any mission or established congregation of the NT-NL Synod is eligible to apply for a grant.
2. Grants that support leadership formation for clergy and laity.
3. MEF grants may augment grants from other sources only if compelling substantiation is provided.

Grant awards will be disbursed following the February board meeting.

4. Each recipient mission or congregation shall send an end-of-year report to the Chair of the Grants Committee that summarizes the impact of the grant on the ministry. Missions and congregations are ineligible for subsequent increments or awards without the requisite final reports.
5. In the event that the funded program or ministry does not occur, all funds received shall be returned, and if appropriate, reapplication for an alternate activity may be submitted to the Mission Endowment Fund for consideration at its next quarterly meeting

In consideration of and by accepting this grant from the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod (NT-NL Synod), the mission/congregation hereby agrees that should the mission/congregation at any time leave the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) for any reason whatever, the mission/congregation will be responsible for repaying this and any additional grants in full before receiving a release from the NT-NL Synod.

6. All requests must use the attached application form. (See below.) One (1) copy of the completed application form, along with any requested attachments, must be received by **October 30** via online submission, via email to: MEF@ntnl.org or via snail mail to:

NT-NL Mission Endowment Fund
c/o Linda Ness, Executive Director
680 Copper Canyon Road
Argyle, TX 76226

Note: Application form is also available online at <https://www.ntnl.org/ministries/mef/>.