



MISSION GRANT PROPOSAL Instructions

Submit your Mission Grant Proposal Application by email and send 3 copies of the application postmarked by
***** OCTOBER 30, 2025 *****

WHO MAY SUBMIT A MISSION GRANT PROPOSAL APPLICATION?

- Any LWML member, group, zone, district
- A ministry from either the Office of International Mission (OIM), Office of National Mission (ONM), or Office of the President of LCMS
- An LCMS approved organization (Recognized Service Organization)

CRITERIA FOR LWML MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS?

The Mission Grants Selection Committee will evaluate each grant proposal based on these criteria:

- The grant is mission-focused and will share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- There is a governing unit, such as an LCMS church, LCMS district, Recognized Service Organization (RSO), or LCMS partner church to which the ministry project regularly reports.
- The ministry has provided a financial statement or budget as part of the mission grant proposal.
- The ministry will be able to implement the project when funds are disbursed within the biennium in which they were voted upon or the biennium following.
- The ministry is ongoing in nature, with assurance of continuing after the grant monies have been expended.
- The ministry reflects the vision and mission priorities of the LCMS.

WHERE WILL I GET MY IDEAS FOR A MISSION GRANT PROPOSAL?

- Speak to your Pastor about the mission outreach opportunities in your church's neighborhood: children, teens, young adults, seniors, single households, families, people with disabilities, individuals who are homeless or food insecure.
- Consider the ministry needs of LCMS schools to foster faith formation.
- Consider the financial needs of Concordia University System students training for full-time church vocations.
- Consider the financial needs of LCMS Seminary students.
- Consider supporting LCMS Pastors, Deaconesses and Missionaries.
- Consider programs providing health services, mental health services, and/or social services.

Serve the LORD with gladness! Psalm 100:2 (ESV)



To send photographs through the United States Postal Service

For each photograph:

1. Complete a Photo Release Form.
2. Label with a number. Writing the number on an adhesive label or a sticky-note and then attaching it to the back of the photograph will be sufficient. Please do not write directly onto the back of the photograph.
3. Prepare a descriptive caption. Include the number of the photograph in the description.

To send the photographs by email to LAMS.LWML.Missions@gmail.com

For each photograph:

1. Complete and attach a Photo Release Form
2. Prepare a descriptive caption and include the filename of the photograph in your description.

WHAT DO I DO ONCE I HAVE AN IDEA FOR A MISSION GRANT PROPOSAL?

- Successfully answer “yes” to the following questions.
 - ☐ Does it meet all LWML Louisiana Mississippi District criteria stated above?
 - ☐ Does the proposal have the support of the Executive or Managing Director of the proposed recipient? (For example: if a congregation, the Pastor; if a school, the Principal.)
 - ☐ Do you have all the information needed to describe the mission project?
See page 3 of the application.
 - ☐ Do you have 2 - 3 photographs representing the mission project and will you be able to obtain a signed Photo Release Form?

NOW WHAT DO I DO?

1. Email the completed application, 2-3 photographs, and a Photo Release Form by October 30, 2025 to: LAMS.LWML.Missions@gmail.com
2. Mail three (3) copies of the completed application form as well as any documentation that supports your request.
3. Mail the three (3) copies to:
Andrea Ferguson
LWML Louisiana Mississippi District
Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church
811 Shirley Street,
DeRidder, LA 70634

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY APPLICATION WHEN IT IS RECEIVED BY THE VICE PRESIDENT OF MISSION OUTREACH?

1. The email submission is dated and checked to make sure the application is complete and that the photographs and Photo Release Forms are included.
2. The copies are distributed to the Mission Grants Committee and reviewed for adherence to the LWML Louisiana Mississippi criteria.
3. It is presented to the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors for approval.
4. It is presented to the LWML Louisiana Mississippi Pastoral Counselors for approval.
5. It is presented to the Southern District LCMS for approval.

After the review and approval process, it is determined whether or not your proposal will be placed on the ballot. You will be notified of the decision.

May the Lord continue to bless your ministry, and thank you so much for applying for a Louisiana Mississippi District, Lutheran Women in Mission grant.

WHAT DO I DO IF I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact Vice President of Mission Outreach at LAMS.LWML.Missions@gmail.com