

SPONSORING & APPLYING FOR A YORK CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION GRANT

(The following are frequently asked questions and helpful answers)

Who fills out the Grant Application?

A The grant application is filled out by the charity requesting the grant.

What is the funeral home's role in the grant application process?

A The funeral home can solicit local charities in his community but his primary role is to provide sponsorship.

How does a funeral home 'sponsor' a charitable organization?

A The funeral home must provide a letter on the funeral home's letterhead stating (1) why this organization deserves the grant and (2) how this organization helps kids in the community. The grants may be requested for any purpose related to providing benefits for children (e.g. building funds, supplies, salaries, education, etc.)

How many charitable organizations can a funeral home sponsor?

A A funeral home can sponsor as many charities as they deem acceptable under the YCF requirements.

How does a charity request a Grant Application?

A A grant application can be obtained from a funeral home through his Matthews sales consultant, by going to the Matthews International website at www.matw.com → Memorialization → York Group or contacting the York Children's Foundation at 1.800.223.4964 or vbeneccio@matw.com.

How does a charity know if it qualifies for a grant?

A As stated in the 'Grant Application' form the organization must be tax exempt. They must provide: (1) a copy of the 501(c)3 letter from the IRS stating that your organization has been approved as a 501(c)3 organization and (2) a completed IRS Form 990 or 990EZ.

What other documents should the charity attach to the application?

A Additional brochures, attachments, board information, videotapes, letters, etc. will only delay the reviewing process. We send only the requested information to the board of trustees for voting.

How often can a charity apply?

A A charity can apply as often as you wish, but please submit only one application for your organization per quarter. You **must submit** a new application each quarter.

If my organization is involved in activities other than supporting children's groups, can we still receive a grant?

A Your organization can qualify if its primary purpose is to benefit children. Additionally, we don't offer grants to organizations that influence legislation, support political candidates, or intervene in political activities.

How often can a charity apply?

A A charity can submit an application for each quarter but it must be a new application in its entirety for each quarter.

What are the cutoff dates for each quarter?

A 1st Quarter – April 30th * 2nd Quarter – July 30th * 3rd Quarter – October 30th * 4th Quarter – January 30th

What are the size of the grants?

A Grants awarded range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Our goal is to provide grants to small community organizations that are often overlooked in the distribution of federal funding and large corporate contributions.

What happens when a charity is awarded a grant?

A The check is distributed to your sales consultant who in turn contacts the funeral home to setup a time and place to present the award to the charitable organization. The organization is also notified by mail of its award.