



TO: NAD Young Adult Ministry Applicant

SUBJECT: *Young Adult Life, Local Church Grant*

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! You are receiving this letter because we want to hear from you about any ministry in your local church that caters to young adults. We want to highlight what is being done across the division in the area of young adult ministry. In turn we would like to invest in what works, what's different, and what is reclaiming our young adults for Christ!

Enclosed you will find the Young Adult Life, Local Church Grant application. Please take a few minutes to read the instructions and the information. Fill out and sign the form. Return your completed application form to the Conference or union of which you are a member, by **March 1**. The conference/union will approve your application, and forward it to the North American Division Youth & Young Adult Department by **March 31**.

Before you proceed to read the instructions and complete the application form, you must be able to answer **YES** to the three questions below in order to be eligible to apply for this grant.

- 1. Is your church located within the North American Division?** This division is comprised of Bermuda, Canada, Micronesia, Guam, and the United States of America.
- 2. Does your church have a young adult ministry that was active prior to applying for this grant?**
- 3. Does your church have an elected young adult leader in place?**

If you have answered **NO** to *any* of the above questions, we're sorry to tell you that your church is not eligible to receive the NAD Young Adult Life, Local Church Grant. If you have answered **YES** to *all* of the above questions you are eligible to apply for the grant.

As we near the soon coming of our Lord, we recognize that the enemy is seeking to destroy this population to make ineffective the gospel commission. Our hope and prayer is that these funds will make a difference in your local church, in turn making a difference in our church worldwide. We invite you to pray with us, as we move forward with our mission to share Jesus, foster community, and develop leadership among our young adults.

Blessings,
North American Division, Young Adult Life Team

Before proceeding, please read Instructions

Eligibility

A. North American Division

The applicant must be a church located within the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

B. Previously Established Ministry

The applicant must be a ministry that has been previously established at the local church at least six months prior to applying for the grant.

C. Leadership

The applicant must have an elected young adult leader in place at the church at least six months prior to applying for the grant

D. Financial Information

The applicant must provide a summary of the current financial contributions made to this ministry. Whether it be from the church, fundraising, or donations from members of the group.

Amount of Assistance

To be administered by the North American Division Youth & Young Adult Ministries, Young Adult Life Committee in the amount of \$1000; with matching funds from the selected churches' local conferences, up to \$500.

Funding Availability

The selected Churches will receive 75 percent (\$750) of the funds upfront, with the remaining 25 percent (\$250) distributed following the receipt of a follow up report from the selected churches. Churches will be required to provide in writing a report on what has been done and how the funds are being used, this report must be submitted to the union in which the church is located.

Procedures

- A. Application Form
- B. Signatures
- C. Conference
- D. Union Youth Directors
- E. North American Division Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Please take a few minutes to take note of the following important dates to remember:

December 1-March 1:

- Complete the application and return it along with your budget breakdown and essay.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that application has been received by your local conference/union.

March 31:

- Your local conference/union will forward the application to the North American Division Youth & Young Adult Department.

Incorrectly completed forms

- Application forms completed incorrectly will be returned to your local conference/union.



YOUNG
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North American Division

Young Adult Life Local Church
Grant Application

Church Information:

Church _____ Conference _____ Union _____

Church Pastor _____

Youth Pastor or Young Adult Ministry leader _____

Church Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Young Adult Ministry Information:

Name of Ministry _____

Approximately how long has the ministry been functioning?:

1 to 2 years

3 to 4 years

5 to 6 years

More than 6 years

About how often do you have meetings?:

Weekly

Monthly

More than once a month

Every once in a while (No set schedule)

About how many active participants are in your ministry currently?:

5 to 10

11 to 20

21 to 25

26 to 30

more than 30

**Do you currently have a budget for this ministry that has been appropriated by your local church? (if so please tell us your budget amount and indicate whether it is weekly, monthly, annually etc..)*

Essay:

Please attach to this document a synopsis of your ministry with any relevant information you would like to share. The six components on the criteria list below should guide you as you write. Please utilize them to help give us a rounded view of your ministry.

Criteria for Young Adult Life Local Church Grant

The following are the six key components of the Young Adult Life Local Church Grant. Churches will be evaluated on these six core values. We encourage you to provide an honest assessment of your ministry, allowing the opportunity for genuine insight during the selection process. We are aware that every ministry is unique and will vary in terms of these elements, and our goal is to utilize these six components to assist in the selection process

- 1. INNOVATION** - Ministry is always dynamic. Although we do not change the message we must often adapt the method to an ever-changing world. What is new and fresh about your ministry? What risks have you taken? How is it creative?
- 2. CONSISTENCY** - People are generally more committed to whatever is regular and ongoing in contrast to events that are always impromptu, ill prepared, and constantly changing. Every ministry should have something consistent that each member can be sure to expect when they come (i.e. open mic, food, testimony time...etc). How regularly does your ministry meet or take place? Monthly? Weekly? What staple items are always apart of your meeting time? What changes from meeting to meeting?
- 3. SUSTAINABILITY** - Many ministries begin strong, with much flair and fireworks but soon fizzle out with time. This happens for a myriad of reasons: lack of funds, lack of participation, lack of staff and commitment. Truthfully it is inevitable that your young adult group will succumb to the natural ebb and flow, highs and lows of ministry. But in its present form can it be sustained? Can it continue as is? Is it still appealing? And do you think that your model of doing it can be duplicated?
- 4. COMMUNITY PRESENCE** - The purpose for which the church exists is to reach the lost. Not only did Christ call us to the house of Israel (those within), but He also called us to Samaria and to the ends of the Earth (those without). How does your ministry cater to the community? Are your meetings inviting, so that even the unchurched feel comfortable around your group? Do you do outreach? Are there currently members of the community in your group already?
- 5. GROWTH** - Who can determine success in spiritual things? Only God. Growth is however a very good indicator that God is at work. And growth can happen in a variety of ways: Baptisms, a resurgence of spirituality within the group, and of course simply more people attending. Have you experienced any of this in your ministry, and what would you attribute the cause to?
- 6. DIVERSITY** - As you already know the Seventh-day Adventist church is worldwide. Which means that it has a responsibility to be able to make its message and programming relevant to other cultures and people groups. How is your group relevant to other cultures, ethnic groups? How are you pushing the limits to provide inclusive opportunities for Christian fellowship?

Financial Status

Current Monthly Income (Please calculate the figures below on a monthly basis).

Monthly Income		Monthly Expense	
Church budget		Facility expenses	
Fundraising		Refreshments	
Member donations		Transportation	
Event donations		Promotional materials	
Other Income: _____		Special events (guest speakers, travel, lodging, etc)	
		Other expenses: _____	
Total Monthly Income	\$	Total- Monthly Expenses	\$
Total Annual Income (Monthly Income x 12)	\$	Total Annual Expenses (Monthly Expense x 12)	\$

SIGNATURES

Local Church Youth/Young Adult Pastor or AY Leader (If no youth pastor at your church)
Affirmation: (Print Name) I, _____, hereby state that the information given on this application is to the best of my knowledge true. I/we represent the

Date _____ Signature _____ (Applicant)

Date _____ Signature _____

Church (Senior Pastor)

The _____ SDA Church of _____
(Church supporting the YA ministry) (City/State)
approves the applicant as a young adult ministry that is functioning through this church.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Local Conference Youth Director

The _____ Conference Youth Director approves the applicant worthy of a young adult ministry grant.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Local Conference

The _____ Conference approves the applicant worthy of a young adult ministry grant.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

**Conference signature confirms matching funds up to \$500
Conference will Mail send completed application to the NAD Youth Department**

This application needs to be completed and sent to your local conference or union by March 1.