

SUMMIT CHURCH

Benevolence Application

Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.—Galatians 6:2

Please read this page first before completing the application!

Benevolence Policy

- **For a request of financial assistance to be accepted it must be made by and for an “active participant” in Summit Church.** A person will be considered an “active participant” when they: attend Sunday services on a regular basis (no less than two times per month), contribute financially to the mission of Summit Church, and participate in Bible study/ small group.
- **No applicant can receive more than \$300 in any one year.** This policy ensures that we are able to help as many in our congregation as have need.
- **No cash disbursements.**
- **Financial assistance can only be requested for:**
 - Home Utility (Electric, Gas, Water)- This request will only be considered for the before mentioned utilities and must be accompanied by the bill. We will only pay directly to the utility company.
 - Gas- This request is granted on rare occasion, but if approved, one of the Summit Church elders will meet the applicant at a local gas station and provide a tank of gas. No gas cards will be given.
 - Food- In case of emergency and upon approval, a prearranged assortment of food will be delivered to the applicant.
- **Applications will be reviewed and an answer will be give within 24 hours.**
- **Decisions will not be made on Sunday.** Applications will be given and accepted on Sundays but no decisions will be made until the following Monday.
- **Application must be signed by applicant and spouse** (when applicable) In an effort to ensure all parties involved are aware of the request, no application will be processed without signatures from both husband and wife.
- **Special Consideration.** Summit Church reserves the right to forgo rules governing the distribution of funds from the Benevolence fund in situations deemed to be a “tragic event.” A “tragic event” is determined by the pastoral staff of Summit Church.

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All questions must be answered to be processed!

Date: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Marital status (circle one): single married separated widowed

Employment: _____ Spouses Employment: _____

Children's Names and Ages: _____

Needs:

Monthly average cost: Mortgage/Rent \$ _____ Auto \$ _____ Electric \$

Water \$ _____ Phone \$ _____ Medical \$ _____ Gas \$

Other \$ _____

Have you been helped previously by this Church (circle one)? yes no

What did you receive, and when? _____

Have you received help from other organizations in regard to this need? Who? When?

Please explain the circumstances which brought about this need.

How are you actively working to assure that your benevolence situation will not become a long term situation?

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All checks for benevolence must be written to vendors or creditors. Please give us the specific information for the vendor you are requesting payment to:

Company Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Account Number: _____

Total Amount Due \$ _____

Amount Required: \$ _____

Additional pertinent Information:

I have read the Benevolence Policy.

Sign as affirmation _____

Spouse's signature (If Applicable) _____

(This form must be filled out each time a request is made.)

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Date application received in this office _____

Approved date: _____

Disapproved – Reason _____

Attach copy of requests with check stub