



## **Our Mission**

The goal of the Foundation is to advance the mission of spreading the Christian faith by supporting the establishment and growth of churches, as well as investing in the next generation of believers. With a primary focus on New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Florida, and Rhode Island, we work in partnership with churches and individuals to identify and equip leaders passionate about sharing the Gospel and building vibrant Christian communities. In addition to supporting church planters, the Foundation provides camp scholarships to help young people experience Christian fellowship and spiritual growth. By offering financial support, mentorship, and resources for up to five years, we aim to empower both new churches and future leaders to become self-sustaining, thriving, and effective in making disciples and transforming lives through the love of Christ.

# **SOMMERS FOUNDATION GRANT PROPOSAL GUIDELINES**

The Sommers Foundation exists to spread the Gospel and invest in the next generation by supporting church plants and youth-focused Christian programs, especially in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Florida, and Rhode Island. Below are the guidelines for submitting a grant proposal.

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## **CHURCH PLANT GRANT PROPOSAL GUIDELINES**

### **Eligibility:**

- New or developing churches (0–5 years old).
- Primary ministry located in NJ, PA, FL, or RI.
- Affiliated with a Christian denomination or network.
- Must demonstrate a clear Gospel-centered mission.

### **Proposal Requirements:**

1. **Cover Letter**
    - Vision and mission of the church plant.
    - Lead planter bio and team overview.
    - Location and launch timeline.
  2. **Ministry Plan**
    - Strategy for outreach, discipleship, and worship.
    - Community engagement plan.
    - Partnerships and affiliations.
  3. **Leadership Development**
    - Plan for identifying, training, and multiplying leaders.
    - Mentorship or coaching structure.
  4. **Financial Plan (**
    - Budget for next 1–3 years.
    - Existing and projected sources of income.
    - Specific use of requested grant funds.
  5. **Sustainability Strategy**
    - Steps toward self-sufficiency within 5 years.
    - Long-term growth vision.
  6. **Outcomes & Evaluation**
    - Metrics for success.
    - How you'll report back to the Foundation
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## **YOUTH PROGRAM GRANT PROPOSAL GUIDELINES**

### **Eligibility:**

- Camps, churches, or ministries focused on Christian youth development.
- Programs must emphasize Gospel-centered growth.
- Primarily serving youth in NJ, PA, FL, or RI.

### **Proposal Requirements:**

1. **Program Overview**
  - Purpose, goals, and expected impact.
  - Age range of participants.
  - Duration and location of the program.
2. **Spiritual Development Plan**
  - How the program cultivates faith.
  - Activities, mentoring, or teaching planned.
3. **Budget Overview**
  - List of potential program expenses.
  - Explanation of how the grant will be used (e.g., scholarships, resources).
4. **Outcomes & Evaluation**
  - Metrics for success.
  - How you'll report back to the Foundation.

### **Supporting Documents:**

- Testimony from previous participants (optional).
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## STATE-SIDE MISSIONARY GRANT PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

### Eligibility:

Independent or organizationally-supported missionaries serving in outreach, discipleship, or evangelism roles **within the United States**, with **priority given to NJ, PA, FL, and RI**.

### Proposal Requirements:

1. **Mission Overview**
  - Your calling and vision for the mission.
  - Geographic focus and target community.
  - Type of work (e.g., urban outreach, campus ministry, prison ministry, rural evangelism, etc.).
2. **Ministry Plan**
  - Goals for evangelism, discipleship, and community involvement.
  - Frequency and format of your activities (events, visits, mentorship, etc.).
  - Partnerships or church affiliations.
3. **Impact & Accountability**
  - How you will measure impact (salvations, engagement, discipleship relationships).
  - Reporting plan: what and how often you will share updates with the Foundation.
4. **Support Plan**
  - Current and projected funding sources.
  - Specific use of grant funds.
  - Strategy to grow long-term support network.
  - Steps toward self-sufficiency within 5 years.
5. **Outcomes & Evaluation**
  - Metrics for success.
  - How you'll report back to the Foundation.

### Supporting Documents:

- Personal testimony/faith journey (optional)
  - Sponsoring organization details (if applicable).
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## **Review and Approval Process:**

### **1. Proposal Review:**

- All submitted proposals will be reviewed by the Foundation's Board. The committee evaluates proposals based on alignment with the Foundation's mission, the clarity of the plan, sustainability, and overall impact.

### **2. Site Visits:**

- As part of the review process, the Foundation may schedule a site visit to meet with the applicant, tour the project or church plant site, and learn more about the applicant's vision and plans.

### **3. Approval and Notification:**

- Approved proposals will be notified in writing, and grant funding will be distributed according to the agreed-upon terms.
  - If a proposal is not approved, the applicant will be informed of the decision and may request feedback on their submission.
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## **Grant Reporting:**

### **1. Progress Reports:**

- Grant recipients are required to submit regular progress reports to the Foundation, typically on a quarterly basis for church plants and annually for youth programs. These reports should outline progress toward goals, financial updates, and any adjustments to the plan.

### **2. Final Report:**

- At the conclusion of the funding period, grant recipients must submit a final report detailing the overall outcomes, successes, challenges, and any long-term sustainability plans for the project or church plant.
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## **Funding Terms:**

### **1. Church Plants:**

- Funding is typically provided on a monthly basis, matched by the mentoring church, for a period of up to five years. The support will decrease over time, with the expectation that the new church will become self-sustaining by the end of the funding period.

### **2. Youth Programs:**

- Grant funding for youth programs, such as camp scholarships, will be provided on a one-time or annual basis, depending on the scope and nature of the request.
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### **Important Notes:**

- The Foundation reserves the right to deny any application that does not meet the criteria outlined in these guidelines.
- All grants are subject to the availability of funds and may be awarded in full or partial amounts based on the proposal's alignment with the Foundation's priorities.
- The Foundation may request additional documentation or clarification during the review process.

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### **Contact Information:**

For further information or to submit your proposal, please contact:

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