



PATHWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Benevolence Guidelines

The purpose of the Benevolence Fund is to provide financial aid to an individual who is in need on an urgent basis. The Benevolence Fund may not be applicable for cases which need long-term financial support. The church has the right to adjust or to disapprove an applicants request and may consider providing assistance other than monetary help.

Applicants are not granted financial assistance based on relationships between church leaders or being a significant church contributor. The church does not discriminate between applicants based upon race, color, sex, national origin, age, or disability. The Benevolence Committee may provide short-term (or emergency) assistance to ensure that an applicant has the basic necessities such as food, housing, transportation, and medical assistance (including counselling).

The method of providing assistance is to pay for the applicant's need directly to the business provider. Assistance may also be provided in the form of goods or services. The type of aid that is appropriate depends on the individual's needs and available resources.

Qualifications for Recipients

1. Church members, regular attendees, and or members of the community.
2. Need must be related to a short-term financial crisis (medical emergency, accidents, loss of job, etc.).

Exclusions

1. Business investments, or anything that brings financial profit to the person or family.
2. Paying off credit cards or any other consumer debts.
3. Needs of individuals who are wanted by the law or for paying fines as a result of breaking the law.
4. Legal fees.
5. Penalties relating to late payments or irresponsible actions.
6. Private school fees or tuition.
7. Long term and repetitive expenses.

Benevolence Process

1. Complete and submit the Benevolence Request Form.
2. A Deacon will contact the applicant and arrange to meet regarding the request. This may take approximately one week. from when the Benevolence application is received by the Deacon board.
3. The Deacon will submit the form to the Benevolence Committee for approval.

4. The Benevolence Committee will approve or deny the request, or ask for additional information.
5. If approved, the check will be distributed.
6. A Deacon may follow up with the recipient and give an update at the next Deacon's meeting.

Additional Criteria

At the discretion of the Benevolence Committee, you may be requested (if married, both husband and wife) to do one or more of the following:

1. Provide documentation regarding your income, personal bank accounts and expenses.
2. Participation in financial counselling.
3. Take a class on biblical financial management or complete a workbook on biblical stewardship.



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Pathway Benevolence Request Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Phone # Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

1. Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? Yes No Not Sure

2. What is your relationship to Pathway Community Church? _____

3. Which best describes your attendance at Pathway Community Church?

Frequent Sometimes Seldom Never

4. In your opinion which description best describes your financial situation?

Short term emergency Short term problem Long term problem

5. The total amount of your request is: _____

6. What is it for? _____

7. Who should we make the cheque payable to? Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

8. Are you willing to receive financial counseling? Yes No

9. Are you currently employed? Yes No Full-Time Part-Time

Name of employer: _____

10. If married, is your spouse employed? Yes No Full-Time Part-Time

Name of employer: _____

11. Total number of people in the household: _____

12. Total monthly household income (including all gov. supports ie. child tax credits): _____

13. Briefly explain your needs and what led you to request assistance. We will be praying for you and providing counsel where needed.

Signature _____ if married, signature of spouse _____

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Deacon _____ Signature _____

Application Outcome: Approved Denied

Mailing address for cheque: