

## Grant Guidelines

### General

The Arington Foundation (AF) generally makes grants to organizations that conduct, have in place, or wish to commence projects or programs that align with the foundation's mission: ***to positively influence the value systems of youth through media, sport, and education.*** The foundation's vision is: ***to spread the love and gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world by putting Christian values into action.*** That such projects or programs comply with the foundation's mission and vision must be explicitly demonstrated by the prospective grantee and accepted by the foundation's board. The foundation favors, but is not restricted to, supporting organizations and programs that: (a) are based in and/or impact the greater Cincinnati area; and (b) clearly align with both its mission and vision.

### Eligibility

Grants are awarded to nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations as determined by the United States Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3); proof of such tax-exempt status, in the form of an IRS letter of determination, must be included with each application submission. By submitting proposals, organizations assume all legal, financial, and administrative responsibility for the submission. The foundation typically makes one-year grants that do not exceed \$50,000. The foundation does not: make pass through grants; purchase tickets or otherwise provide funding for benefits; accept solicitation from regular development campaigns; or provide funding for memorials.

### Applications

The foundation typically awards grants to organizations from which it has requested proposals. However, AF also does acknowledge unsolicited proposals from organizations. Before it will consider an unsolicited proposal, though, AF requires organizations to complete a letter of intent and accompanying form. If AF deems that the letter of intent makes the organization appropriate for additional consideration, the organization will be asked to submit a full grant application.

### Submission Deadlines

Given that most applications come requested by AF, the foundation currently has no formal submission deadlines for prospective grantees. The foundation's board of directors reviews applications a minimum of three (3) times per year, based on a fiscal year ending December 31. As a general rule, AF prefers to have a completed application in its possession for three (3) weeks prior to its next board meeting, for consideration at such meeting.

### Evaluation

The foundation reserves the right to monitor its grants to receive input from the grantee and to ensure that funding is being used for its intended purpose(s). Grants may be monitored by various forms of correspondence and by site visit(s). Also, AF prefers that each grant application has a self-evaluation process built into its proposal. Once a grant (program, or project) is concluded, grantees should evaluate the success of the grant as defined by the organization's original proposal, and send their findings to AF. The spirit of the evaluation is honesty, and the goals of the evaluation are to answer what the project or program accomplished and why/why not it succeeded.