

Three Rivers' Helping Hands Community Foundation

Application Guidelines

1. Funds shall be awarded to individuals, families and organizations in Three Rivers Electric Cooperative's service area. The Board of Trustees will make every attempt to distribute funds fairly to each county within the service area.
2. All applicants must submit copies of bids, estimates, bills, and/or paid receipts for which funding is being requested. The annual maximum amount an individual may receive is \$2,500, the annual maximum amount for a family is \$5,000, and the annual maximum amount organizations may receive is \$10,000.
3. When funds are awarded to individuals and families, checks should be generally made payable to the individual or family applicant and another entity which will be the ultimate recipient of the funds (i.e. individual and hospital/merchant), so as to prevent the funds from being used for any unapproved purpose. Checks may be written payable to the individual or family applicant to reimburse for paid expenses if copies of paid receipts are submitted with the application for funding.
4. In accordance with the intended purpose of the Foundation, funds may not be used for the following activities and purposes:
 - a. Athletic team sponsorship, advertising;
 - b. General home repair (porches, sidewalks);
 - c. Home reconstruction expenses following fires, floods, tornados and other natural and man-made catastrophic events;
 - d. Direct payment of normal daily living expenses, such as household rent, utility bills (electric, gas, fuel oil, and telephone);
 - e. Political purposes, campaigns and causes;
 - f. Automobile repair and purchase;
 - g. Airline, train or bus fare to enable relatives of the sick to travel, or to enable sick persons to travel, other than to receive medical care;
 - h. Purchase of consumer credit counseling services for persons with debt management problems;
 - i. Donations to the United Way or other agencies which have the primary goal of collecting and distributing funds to other organizations.

However, the intent is not to prevent awarding trust funds to organizations which receive funding from these or other sources, if such organizations operate in accordance with the purposes of Three Rivers' Helping Hands Community Foundation.

These guidelines may be revised from time to time as may be necessary during any regular monthly meeting of the Cooperative's Board of Directors. Revisions may be recommended for consideration by the Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, or Cooperative management.