

The Nehemiah Foundation
Grant Application
For 2009 funding

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Organization's Contact Person: _____

Title: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Amount requested: \$_____ to fund ministry leaders and/or program resources.
 Requested amount should not exceed 50% of organizational budget.

Is requested for: _____

Total organization budget for past year: \$_____

Number of employees: Full-time _____ Part-time _____

List the current sources of income by percentage for the first six months of 2008 and all of 2007.

- a. Business and Corporations: 2008 _____%; 2007 _____%
- b. Foundations (other than Nehemiah Foundation): 2008 _____%; 2007 _____%
- c. Government: 2008 _____%; 2007 _____%
- d. Individual Contributions: 2008 _____%; 2007 _____%
- e. Churches: 2008 _____% ; 2007 _____%

When did the organization begin? _____

Does organization have federal tax-exempt status? _____

If no, explain:

Is organization incorporated in the State of Ohio? _____

If no, explain:

1) Please state the mission and vision of your ministry:

2) Please summarize the intention of your proposed grant in 50 words or less.

- 3) Briefly describe the program/ministry that would be funded, if approved.

- 4) How would requested funds be used?

- 5) Describe the population to be served including the number, location, and other pertinent demographic information.

- 6) Describe how this program or project will intentionally help people become mature, responsible Christian adults. (See the attached matrix.)

- 7) Using the Mature, Responsible Christian Adult matrix, list *at least* 4 and *no more* than 6 MRA indicators that this project is seeking to address.

- 8) Describe the process for evaluating ministry effectiveness in regards to each of the indicators listed in the previous question. In other words, how will you document quantitatively the impact your ministry is making in each indicator?

- 9) What steps have you taken to connect people involved with your ministry to other ministry opportunities in our community?

10) Give the length of time the program or project has existed. What is your strategy for future sustainability, including funding? (If the project is new, please state the strategy for future funding.)

11) Please explain the extent to which volunteers are used for this program or project.

Please include the following with your grant application.

- 1) An itemized budget for 2009 for the program or project.
- 2) A Profit/Loss or balance sheet statement for your organization for the period ending June 30, 2008.
- 3) A current Strategic Plan
- 4) A list of all members of your governing body.
- 5) Three references, one being the pastor of the Executive Director's church. Please provide: name, contact information, length and nature of relationship.
- 6) A copy of your organization's most recent 990 (only one copy is necessary)

Date on which this application was approved by your governing board: _____

By submitting your application, The Nehemiah Foundation assumes that funded ministries agree to:

- 1) Full participation in bi-monthly ministry leader's forum. These forums are designed to promote partnerships, mutual accountability, and sharing of best practices.
- 2) Full participation in monthly prayer meeting. This takes place the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 11:30-12:30.
- 3) On-time submission of quarterly grant reports.
- 4) Ongoing pursuit of organizational growth and best practice ministry.
- 5) Expending funds as indicated in original grant application; contact TNF to change the use of funds.

Director Signature

Date

THE NEHEMIAH FOUNDATION

BELIEF STATEMENT

We believe that God is sovereign, and therefore is Lord of Springfield. God's will is to establish His Kingdom on earth. We affirm the Kingdom of God in Springfield. We believe God uses people, through Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, to accomplish this purpose. We submit to Jesus' words found in John 15:5 - "Apart from me you can do nothing."

As citizens of this Kingdom we must be about clothing and feeding people, promoting justice and mercy in all situations, and meeting the needs of people who hurt. At the same time, we must speak lovingly to all people about the Good News from God: That God loves the world and is not willing that any should perish, and that by encountering Jesus Christ, an eternal transformation takes place that assures the believer the only way to abundant and everlasting life. (John 14:6) Together, we uphold the following implementing affirmations:

- In order to carry out the mandate of His Kingdom, all people are important.
- We can address the problems facing our community through prayer, coordination, and cooperation, realizing no one person, group, or organization can fully understand or solve the problems.
- The Body of Christ in Springfield must be of one heart and mind. Jesus and His Kingdom are unifying factors.
- The Bible is our final authority on all issues.
- Leadership brings ideas, power, and authority together to accomplish our mission.
- Lives are changed one at a time when action is focused in a specific framework.
- Accountability must be built into every effort to serve people.
- The Great Commission is the mission of the Church. (Matthew 28:18-20)

The Nehemiah Foundation Questions to Ask in Reviewing a Grant proposal

- 1) Does the project address the mission, vision, beliefs, and priorities of The Nehemiah Foundation?
- 2) Does the whole project reflect Biblical values?
- 3) Does the project have a clear mission, vision statement?
- 4) Does the project address a problem that is destructive to the individual and the community? Does the project address the problem in such a way that provides a platform for evangelism and discipleship?
- 5) Does the project seek to intentionally move people towards becoming mature, responsible, Christian adults? If so, which MRA indicators are specifically targeted?
- 6) Is there leadership available and wanting to initiate solutions?
- 7) Does the project and organization provide opportunity for community participation? Is there opportunity for collaborative efforts?

BECOMING A MATURE, RESPONSIBLE CHRISTIAN

ADULT MODEL

- Personal relationship with Christ
- Engaged in Church
- Has desire to grow spiritually
- Intentional about share faith with family and friends
- Basic belief that Bible is foundation of truth
- Serving somewhere out of self-initiation
- Takes personal responsibility for growth
- Has made public profession of faith in Christ
- Self-sufficient job
- Has a future plan
- Reliable transportation
- Ability to set goals and develop plan to achieve them
- Not center of universe
- Mature understanding about healthy family
- Not manipulative
- Demonstrates honesty
- Healthy attitude about opposite sex
- Feels empowered
- Basic financial understanding
- Understands priorities
- Understands own strengths and weaknesses
- Responsible use of time
- Demonstrates delayed gratification
- Free of substances
- Evidence of self-discipline
- Demonstrates healthy life-style
- Wants to grow intellectually, spiritually, vocationally
- Keeps word
- Abstains from sexual activity outside of marriage

BECOMING A MATURE, RESPONSIBLE CHRISTIAN

12th GRADE MODEL

- Personal relationship with Christ
- Desire to grow spiritually
- Basic belief that the Bible is foundational for truth
- Intentional about sharing faith with family and friends
- Is serving somewhere out of self-initiation
- Takes personal responsibility for growth
- Is making choices out of believe, not fear
- Openly professes faith in Christ
- Developing Christian worldview
- C average or better
- Moving towards self-sufficiency
- Has future plan
- Has reliable transportation
- Ability to set goals and develop plan to achieve them
- Not center of universe
- Basic understanding of healthy family
- Not manipulative
- Demonstrates honesty
- Healthy attitudes about opposite sex
- Feels empowered
- Basic financial understanding
- Understands priorities
- Sense of own strengths and weaknesses
- Starts day at reasonable time
- Demonstrates delayed gratification
- Evidence of self-discipline
- Does not abuse substances
- Has healthy life-style
- Wants to grow intellectually, spiritually, vocationally
- Can access resources to solve problems
- Keeps word
- Abstaining from sexual activity

BECOMING A MATURE, RESPONSIBLE CHRISTIAN

8th GRADE MODEL

- Seeking opportunities for spiritual growth
- Willing to serve
- Openly professes faith in Christ
- Beginning to make choices out of belief
- Practice and apply scripture memorization
- Maintains at least C average
- Values education and strives to improve
- Completes homework
- Will ask for help
- Has good school attendance
- Drug/alcohol free
- Personal reading habits
- Boundaries in relationships
- Listening skills
- Respects/understands authority
- Has somewhat positive peer groups
- Ability to resist negative peer pressure
- Shows age appropriate impulse control
- Beginning to take personal responsibility
- Understands healthy/unhealthy family characteristics
- Abstaining from sexual activity
- Keeps word, honors commitment
- Understands sedentary life is unhealthy
- Reasonable understanding of wants vs. needs
- Involved in positive activities
- Does not use profanity

BECOMING A MATURE, RESPONSIBLE CHRISTIAN

5th GRADE MODEL

- Seeking opportunities for spiritual growth
- Involved in church
- Basic scripture memorization (at least one per month)
- God is real, active, and personally involved
- Beginning to understand God is Creator, values of stewardship, etc.
- Praying/talking to God daily
- Understands that the Bible impacts behavior
- Maintains at least C average
- Completes most homework
- Will ask for help when needed
- Has good school attendance
- Positive attitude about school
- Begins to understand personal responsibility for homework
- Reading at appropriate level
- Respects authority
- Shows respect for peers as indicated by interactions
- Ability to choose positive friendships
- Can resist negative peer pressure
- Shows age appropriate impulse control
- Has at least one trusting adult relationship
- Chooses not to watch/listen movies/music that is overtly explicit
- Understands they are acceptable, unique creation by God
- Abstains from sexual activity
- Does not use profanity