The Art of Giving

Triangle Community Foundation 2018 Grant Application Guidelines

2018 Grant Amount - \$10,000

Focus area:

The focus area for The Art of Giving (TAG) grant in 2018 is "Advancing Educational Opportunities for Women and/or Girls."

As important as aid for current sustenance is (e.g., food banks, housing for homeless, etc.), these areas do not meet our 2018 focus criteria.

Intended use of money:

Operating or program expenses – Grant applications are for operational support or program support; they should include a description of the mission and type of programs the organization offers to meet the focus area, especially in the case of operational support.

Eligibility – For eligibility requirements, see <u>The Art of Giving page</u>.

FAQ for 2018 Grant Applicants

- Does our organization have to serve women and/or girls exclusively?
 ANSWER: No, but women and/or girls must be a priority and receive the majority of your organization's efforts, or if funding is to be used for a program, then that program should be exclusively for women and girls.
- 2. Do we have to serve both women and girls, or only one or the other? ANSWER: Either women or girls, or both is fine.
- 3. Are the funds from this grant unrestricted? Does it matter how we use the funds? ANSWER: Yes, the use of the funds is unrestricted and can be used for either operating expenses or program expenses.
- 4. Can we request less than the full amount?

 ANSWER: Yes, but we prefer to give one grant of \$10,000 if possible.
- 5. What about the importance of our organization's overall budget size? Should we even apply if our budget is more than \$500,000?

 ANSWER: TAG will prioritize organizations where our grant will have more impact.

 There is not a hard cut off at \$500,000 but we prefer small to medium sized organizations, as long as they are financially stable.

- 6. By "educational opportunities" do you mean exclusively traditional education? ANSWER: No, we are open to other forms of education.
 - a. What about college prep programs?ANSWER: College prep programs are acceptable.
 - b. Any level of schooling, e.g., primary, secondary, post-secondary ok? ANSWER: Yes. To qualify, a pre-K program would have to have significant educational aspects and not just be a day-care program.
 - c. What about job/career training or financial management training? ANSWER: Yes, these types of programs would be considered.
 - d. What about parenting skills training or nutrition?

 ANSWER: No, these are important topics but do not meet our 2018 focus area.
- 7. Can religious organizations apply?

 ANSWER: Yes, but TAG will not fund fraternal, sectarian, and religious organizations where the grant is intended to principally benefit members/adherents or to fund inherently religious activities.