



Fighting Hunger Grant Application Guide



The Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation proudly supports the philanthropic focus of Alpha Gamma Delta—**fighting hunger**. The Foundation provides grants to **nonprofit organizations** throughout the **United States** and **Canada** who fight hunger in our communities. Grantable programs may include, but are not limited to local food pantries, food banks, meal assistance programs for children, families, seniors **and more**.

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For more information on Alpha Gamma Delta and how our members fight hunger in their communities, visit alphagammadelta.org. To learn more about the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation, visit alphagammadeltafoundation.org.

Key Dates

Application Opens	December 1, 2025
Application Due	January 31, 2026 11:59 p.m., ET
Selection Notification	On or around May 1
Recipient Final Grant Report Due	October 31, 2026 11:59 p.m., ET

Program Description

The Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation awards grants to nonprofit organizations in the United States (excluding U.S. Territories) and Canada that address hunger and support individuals in their daily lives. Eligible applicants must be U.S. 501(c)(3) or Canadian NPO organizations. Grants are not available for individuals, research, endowments, or lobbying activities. Awards are limited to \$10,000 per program or project.

Grants are focused in three strategic areas:

- Direct food assistance and distribution
- Food rescue
- Nutrition education related to food assistance

Grants can be awarded up to \$10,000 per program or project. The Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation receives approximately 400 completed applications per grant cycle. Due to the finite resources of the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation, the average grant recipient receives approximately \$5,000.



Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be nonprofit U.S. 501(c)(3) organizations (excluding U.S. Territories) or Canadian NPOs (excluding Canadian Private Foundations) whose mission relates to fighting hunger, food rescue, addressing food insecurity, providing hunger relief in local communities, or offering nutrition education related to food assistance.

- Applicant organizations must have annual revenue of \$10 million (USD) or less, as documented by their most recent Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Canadian Form T3010.
- Applicant organizations must have been established for at least three years.
- Grant applicants must provide a U.S. Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Canadian Form T3010—including all schedules—within the appropriate section of the application.
 - Organizations filing a U.S. Form 990-N or Form 990-PF, as well as Canadian organizations designated as Private Foundations, are not eligible for consideration.

Grants are not awarded to:

- Organizations or programs/projects based or conducted outside of the United States or Canada
- Individuals, including scholarships, loans or sponsorships
- Organizations that limit services to members of one religious group or whose services propagate religious faith or creed
- Political organizations or those whose primary purpose is influencing legislation or promoting an ideological view



Grant Selection

Grants are evaluated and awarded according to the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation's Fighting Hunger Grant Evaluation Matrix.

Organizations may receive only one grant per cycle.

Selection Criteria

Grants are awarded based on, but not limited to, the following criteria:

- Alignment with the organization's mission
- Demonstrated financial stability, as shown in the most recent U.S. Form 990 or Canadian Form T3010
- Populations and geographic areas served
- Purpose of the program or project
- Innovation or new initiatives
- Educational programming related to health and nutrition
- Number of individuals served
- Measurable outcomes and evaluation methods
- Long-term sustainability of the program or project



"Thank you for making such an important investment in our mission. Together, with our network of more than 1,000 program partners, the Food Bank provided more than 54 million pounds of food to 424,000 neighbors in 2024.

Greater Cleveland Food Bank

Application Tips

Read Instructions

Please review this Application Guide and what is required in the application carefully. Failure to follow instructions may result in ineligibility.

Plan Ahead

Create your account in SmarterSelect. It is suggested to create/update your SmarterSelect account with a general email for your organization (e.g., info@YourOrg'sName.org) to prevent lost application notifications due to staff turnover.

Preview the application carefully, reviewing the requirements and questions in advance. Helpful information to have when you apply includes:

- Your most recent tax filings
- Any program/project demographic information
- Relevant timelines or program/project goals
- Volunteer information, including contact information for Alpha Gamma Delta collegiate chapters and/or alumnae chapters/clubs involved with your organization
- Program/project assessment and/or evaluation materials
- Program/project budget documents

Test the Online Application System

Become comfortable using the SmarterSelect application system in advance of the deadline. The SmarterSelect system is very busy early in the calendar year, so we recommend completing your application in advance of the due date.

Proofread

You are responsible for proofreading your application for accuracy prior to submitting your application. You may not make changes to your submitted application.

Meet All Deadlines

The Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation does not accept late materials for any reason, including problems with your computer or the SmarterSelect system.

Notification Process

On or around the selection notification date, the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation notifies Fighting Hunger Grant recipients by email. Again, it is recommended organizations use a general email when

creating a SmarterSelect account. Following emails, a notification letter is accompanied by with grant funds for recipients.

Those not selected to receive a grant are also notified [via email](#).

The notification is sent to the email listed on your application.

Applicants who do not receive a notification (either by email or mail) by June 1 should [check their spam email](#) and then contact the Foundation Office via [email](#) or call 317.663.4242 regarding their selection status.

If you are not selected as a Fighting Hunger grant recipient, please consider applying again next year. The applicant pool varies each year.

Recipient Requirements

Final grant reports are due within 30 days of the conclusion of the grant-related program or project, or [by October 31 of the award year](#)—whichever comes first. Failure to submit a final report may result in disqualification from future grant opportunities.

Please allow approximately six (6) weeks for the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation to process and mail your grant.

“We recently helped a single parent who lost their job due to company layoffs. With two young children to care for, they struggled to make ends meet. Thanks to donations like yours, they received fresh produce, allowing them to provide for their family while they searched for new employments.”

Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas

Questions?

For Program Questions (including questions related to eligibility, application requirements, key dates and deadlines), please email the [Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation](#) or call them at (317) 663-4242.

For Technical Questions (including questions related to system access, navigation, document uploads, etc.), please email [SmarterSelect](#).