

Eastern Synod Youth and Young Adult Ministries Committee (ES-YAYA) Youth Ministry Grant Program

We are excited to announce a new funding opportunity for youth and young adult ministry initiatives! This is a grant based program to encourage new ministry initiatives within our church. The program follows the primary mandate of ES- YAYA to support youth and young adult ministry initiatives within the Eastern Synod. This is clearly reflected in the ES-YAYA annual budget and the support that goes to our three camps, Edgewood, Lutherlyn, and Mush-a-Mush.

New ministry initiatives encompasses a wide umbrella of activities and programs. Campus ministry, youth training events, synod youth gatherings are a few current examples of ministry initiatives. As we review our vision for youth ministry within the Eastern Synod, it is becoming increasingly obvious that we need to support ministry in the local context.

ES-YAYA believes that local initiative is the key to building up youth ministry on multiple levels that cannot be funded by a top-down programmatic approach. We want to encourage Lutherans involved with youth and young adult ministries, such as youth leaders, youth workers, congregations, councils and pastors, to be intentional about ministry to youth and young adults that is truthful to their context.

Thus, to encourage local initiatives, the ES-YAYA ministry committee will receive grant applications for funding. Upon approval, these grants would be 'one-time grants' which could 'seed' future ministry for youth and young adults. Programs may re-apply in future years for similar grants.

Attached you will find the necessary criteria for your application for these grants. Please complete the attached **ES-YAYA Ministry Grant Application** and return it to:

Eastern Synod Youth and Young Adult Ministries Committee
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries
74 Weber St. West
Kitchener, ON
N2H 3Z3

Fax: (519) 743-4291

Email: jcrouse@elcic.ca

ES-YAYA Grant Application Form

Eligibility:

- a. Any youth and young adult ministry initiative (ie: campus ministry) of the Eastern Synod.
- **b.** Please note: Youth (birth to confirmation); Young Adult (confirmation to age 25)

Project Outline

Please include your project objectives, your proposed timeline, structure for accomplishing ministry, number of expected participants, and the number and frequency of meetings or gatherings.

Evaluation Process

How are you planning on evaluating the success of your program?

Budget

Please provide us with a detailed breakdown of your proposed budget.

Deadline for Applications: November 1st previous to the year for which you are applying (Example: applications for 2060 will be due by November 1, 2059)

Please submit all applications electronically to jcrouse@elcic.ca

Thank you for your partnership in ministry!

Program Evaluation

Looking at your previous year, please explain, in detail, the success of your program.

Please outline in detail your actual expenditures to date, the actual number of participants and whether or not you saw this program as successful and why. If you saw the program as successful, please include how you hope this program will be funded in the future.

Please send complete evaluation to:

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Deadline to submit Evaluations: October 15th following the year for which you applied

(Example: If you receive funding in January 2059, your program evaluation is due October 15, 2059. Failure to submit a program evaluation could impact your chances for receiving future funding.)