

Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alabama
CATASTROPHIC RELIEF PLAN
2010 – 2011

The purpose for this part of the Charitable Outreach Program is to make available financial aid to qualified persons who have been adversely and directly affected by a natural or unexpected disaster or suffer a loss from an act of nature. The Grand Lodge grant will be limited to \$1,000 to any person or family and qualified recipients under this plan may receive financial aid only one time during the year. Catastrophic Relief funds will not be awarded for chronic situations, to cover insurance deductibles, pay for automobile repairs, housing payments, funerals, etc.

The following shall govern the administration of this Plan:

1. Recipients of aid must be a Master Mason, or a dependant member of his immediate family living in the same household, who is, or was at the time of his death, a member in good standing of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.
2. Requests for aid must be made on the applicable application form which is available from Lodge Secretaries or downloaded from the Grand Lodge web site. (www.alafreemasonry.org)
3. Subject to the availability of funds, no more than \$1000 will be allocated per application
4. The Charitable Outreach Committee reserves the right to recommend/approve an amount less than that requested on the application form.
5. Requests for aid must be submitted, as directed on the application form, to the Grand Lodge of Alabama F&AM , P O Box 1070, Millbrook, Alabama 36054. As soon as practical, the Committee Chairman, or his designee, will inform the Grand Secretary of the Committee's decision to approve or reject the application.
6. If the application is approved, a check will be issued in the name of the recipient to the requesting Lodge for presentation to the recipient.
7. An application submitted on behalf of a Master Mason, or his immediate family, must be made by the Secretary of that Master Mason's home Lodge.
8. In the event an application is not approved, the Lodge Secretary will be notified by letter indicating that the request was not approved.
10. Lodges receiving and dispensing funds from this Plan must ensure compliance with Edict 20.5. (No Future Act of Assistance to be promised).

**Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama
Catastrophic Relief Plan Application Form
2010 - 2011**

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Date of Application _____ Lodge Name and No. _____ Group _____

Name(s) and mailing address of the person(s) for whom this money is intended:

Describe the circumstance or event that necessitated their need for financial aid:

Have you been assured that recipients of this money have exhausted efforts to obtain relief by other means for their financial needs arising from the above circumstances? Yes _____ No _____

Is this application being submitted on behalf of a Master Mason or his immediate family members, who is, or was at the time of his death, a member in good standing of your Lodge? Yes _____ No _____

Dollar amount requested _____

Signature of Lodge WM _____

Signature of Lodge Secretary _____

Lodge Address _____

Secretary's Phone No. _____ Cell Phone No. _____

Email Address _____

Lodge Seal

Send this completed form to: Grand Lodge of Alabama F&AM, P O Box 1070, Millbrook, AL 36054.

Incomplete forms or requests made on behalf of unqualified persons will not be considered for approval. Acceptance or rejection of each application will be determined by the Charitable Outreach Committee. The availability of funds from this Plan is a matter of charity, not an entitlement. It is your responsibility to inform recipients of funds from the Charitable Outreach Program of the content of Edict 20.5 (No future act of assistance to be promised).