

MATCHING FUND PLAN
Grand Lodge of Alabama F&AM
2010 - 2011

The purpose for this part of the Charitable Outreach Program is to provide supplemental financial support to Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge who undertakes to render monetary assistance to worthy, specifically named individuals, families, or group of people who reside within the jurisdiction of the Lodge submitting an application. Money to be matched by the Grand Lodge may be raised by a Lodge conducting a community based fund raising activity, a Lodge fund raising project, collected from Lodge members or taken from the Lodge's funds.

The following shall apply to the administration of this Plan:

1. The amount of money paid out per application is \$1,000 and is subject to the availability of funds.
2. A Lodge and the recipient(s) may not receive money from this program more than two times each year.
3. Lodges submitting an application must include a Lodge check made payable to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama in an amount not to exceed \$1,000. If approved, the Grand Lodge will make a check payable to the recipient(s) named on the application form for up to twice the amount of the check submitted by the Lodge. The Grand Lodge check will be sent to the requesting Lodge for their presentation.
4. Requests for matching funds must be made on the applicable application form and submitted as instructed thereon.
5. Application forms are available from Lodge Secretaries or can be downloaded from the Grand Lodge web site. (www.alafreemasonry.org)
6. Lodges dispensing money from this Plan must ensure compliance with Edict 20.5. (No Future Act of Assistance to be Promised)
7. Acceptance or rejection of each application will be determined by the Charitable Outreach Committee. Applications will be processed on a first received-first processed basis.
8. In all cases, matching funds are not assured. There may be worthy causes that are not funded. No assurance is or should be given by or to any Lodge that matching funds will be forthcoming from the Grand Lodge.
9. Money from this Plan is not to be used to support any charitable cause which duplicates the purpose of any other Plan currently a part of the Charitable Outreach Program, i.e. Scholarships, Catastrophic Relief of Masons or their family members, or Emergency Fund.
10. Matching Funds may not be given to another 501(c)(3) program.
11. Qualified recipients of aid under this Plan are defined by Edict 20.7. In the event an application is not approved, the requesting Lodge's check will be returned with a letter of disapproval.

Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alabama

MATCHING FUND APPLICATION FORM 2010 - 2011

The purpose of this Plan is to provide supplemental financial support to Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge who undertake to render monetary aid to worthy, specifically named individuals, families, or group of people who reside within the jurisdiction of the Lodge making application. Qualified recipients of aid under this Plan are defined by Edict 20.7.

You are urged to refer to the Matching Fund Plan description to become acquainted with all rules governing the administration of the Plan before submitting this form. The money you submit to the Grand Lodge to be matched can be raised by your Lodge in a community based fund raising activity, a Lodge fund raising project, collected from Lodge members or taken from the Lodge's funds. The Grand Lodge check will be made in the name of the designated recipient(s) and sent to your Lodge for presentation.

Lodge Name and number _____ Group _____ Date _____

Name of Lodge secretary _____

Lodge mailing address _____

Secretary's telephone No. _____ Cell phone No. _____

Secretaries email address _____

Name and mailing address of aid recipient(s)

Give a brief description of the circumstances relating to the intended recipient(s):

Dollar amount submitted by your Lodge to be matched by the Grand Lodge _____

Your Lodge check must not exceed \$1,000. Depending on the availability of funds, your Lodge check may not be matched 100%. Money from this Plan is not to be used to support any charitable cause which duplicates the purpose of any other Plan currently a part of the Charitable Outreach Program, i.e. Scholarships, Catastrophic Relief of Masons or their family members, or Emergency Fund.

**Application Form
Matching Fund Plan
2010 - 2011**

Comments _____

Signature of Lodge WM _____

Signature of Lodge Secretary _____

Affix Lodge Seal Here

This completed form (*both pages*), along with your Lodge check, must be delivered by first class mail to: Grand Lodge of Alabama F&AM, P O Box 1070, Millbrook, Alabama 36054.

Incomplete forms or claims made for purposes other than that which conforms to the rules governing the administration of the Matching Fund Plan will not be considered for approval. Acceptance or rejection of each application will be determined by the Charitable Outreach Committee and is subject to review by the Grand Master and/or the Corporate Board. Lodges submitting an approved application will receive, by mail, a Grand Lodge check made in the name of the recipient(s). The requesting Lodge will be responsible for presenting the check. Lodges submitting an unapproved application will have their Lodge check returned with a disapproval letter. The availability of funds from this Plan is a matter of charity, not an entitlement. Persons disbursing funds from this Plan are responsible for informing recipients of Edict 20.5, NO FUTURE ACT OF ASSISTANCE TO BE PROMISED.

Both Pages Must Be Completed and Sent To the Grand Lodge