

Compassion Ministry

Dear Member,

Your family and the financial stress you are experiencing is very important to us. Compassion Ministry exists to provide **short-term** financial assistance to **tithing members** on a case by case basis.

Due to the growing need for financial assistance, we have had to set limits on the type of assistance and the length of time that the assistance is provided. We do commit to walking through this season with you and praying for you and your family. We also assist in directing people to outside agencies that may be able to help in ways we cannot.

In order for us to fully evaluate your need and establish a plan, you will need to complete a packet of information and submit it, along with the required documentation. We are unable to process any application without the proper documentation. Three attempts will be made to contact you for the documentation before the file is closed. This letter is for your information and does not need to be returned.

Our intention is not to **only** provide immediate assistance. In order to best steward our resources, our processes take time but will help with the bigger financial picture. Please keep in mind that God is your provider. "My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19. We will join you in praying for His provision, His timing and His perfect will for you and your family.

Anyone qualifying for the SNAP (food stamp) program will be asked to apply for ongoing assistance with food. Our assistance is intended to be short term while you are qualifying for other programs or gaining employment.

If you have any questions or would like prayer, please contact us at: ___903 804 7418___. We will contact you as quickly as possible.

In Christ's love,

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Financial Assistance Application

Applicant Name _____

Best phone number to reach you during the day: _____

Thrive member? Yes No _____
Name of your small group leader

Service you attend: Sat. 5:00 Sat. 6:45 Sun. 9:00 Sun. 10:45

Do you tithe? Yes No

Have you previously requested financial assistance from Thrive: Yes No

Explain: _____

Supplemental documentation required:

(Include copies **NOT** Originals of the following):

- 1. Fully completed and signed application for financial assistance.**
- 2. Copy of photo ID for both applicant and co-applicant (driver's license, passport, military ID or state ID will all suffice).**
- 3. Two most recent pay stubs.**
- 4. Documentation of all other sources of income (Child Support, Unemployment Benefits, Disability, Food Stamps, TANF etc) in the household. If you have not worked in 6 months or more, please include last year's tax return in lieu of pay stubs.**
- 5. Copies of two most recent bank statements (FULL statements showing daily activity). If you do not have a bank account, we will accept a daily spending log for the past two weeks with receipts.**

From what other sources have you requested financial assistance in the past 12 months, and what was the outcome of your request?

Name and phone number of small group leader?

Are you currently in counseling with a Thrive Leader? Yes No

His/Her Name:

Are you currently in counseling with anyone outside of Thrive?

Is your family aware of your situation? Yes No

Do you have any ongoing medical or emotional conditions you would like us to be aware of? Yes No

Are any of the following behaviors affecting you or any member of your family? Please check all that apply to you personally, and place a X in front of the behaviors that are affecting a member of your household:

- gambling drugs physical abuse over spending emotional abuse
- eating disorders lottery pornography alcohol abuse
- other: _____

Please list all monthly income and expenses:

Income Source	Amount	Expense	Amount
	\$	Tithing/giving	\$
		Rent/mortgage	
		Utilities	
		Cell phones/cable/internet	
		Car payments	
		Gas/oil/car repairs	
		Food	
		Clothing	
		Medical	
		Child care	
		Alimony/child support	
		School expenses	
		Alcohol/cigarettes	
		Total min. credit card payments	
		Other-	
		Other-	
Total monthly income	\$	Total monthly expenses	\$

I affirm that I am a United States Citizen or a permanent legal resident, and I certify that this information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the release, reproduction, and verification of this information and understand it may be provided to other service agencies. I give permission to Thrive and its representatives to obtain information on my case from federal, state, county, city, and local agencies in order to process my request and to exchange information as needed with the appropriate sources. I understand that attendance at financial classes held at Thrive is a condition of receiving financial assistance, and that if my request is not classified by Thrive as an emergency; I may be required to attend financial classes before any assistance is

THIS PAGE IS YOURS TO KEEP. IT CONTAINS INFORMATION YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND OUR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROCESS AND OTHER RESOURCES THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU.

Mission

It is the heart and passion of Thrive Leadership to assist those in financial crisis within our church and community. We believe that it is a blessing to assist those in need, and that by doing so; we tangibly communicate the love of Christ to hurting individuals and families. Our priority is the long-term spiritual and financial health of those who come to us for assistance. We want to lift up Christ as the answer to all of life's difficulties.

We intend to help those in legitimate need in a fair and equitable manner, always respecting the dignity of individuals and families coming to us for assistance, regardless of their background or circumstances. We have three main goals in every contact made through our benevolence ministry:

- For every individual to come to know Christ in a stronger more intimate way.
- For them to know that like Christ, Thrive loves and accepts them where they are.
- For each person to be taught at basic understanding of the principles of good stewardship so that they may see healthy, permanent changes in their personal finances.

Guiding Scriptures: Matthew 25:35-40; Proverbs 14:21

Guidelines

We are committed to providing necessary help for members of our church family who experience an unexpected life event or family crisis. There are many excellent resources in our community to help those in financial need. We may not be the best source of assistance for you at this time.

Financial assistance is just one way we help those who come to us for assistance. The most important ministry we offer is financial education to help families become financially successful and independent for life. Once we have received your completed application and required documentation, you will be scheduled for an assessment.

Education is at the heart of everything we do at Thrive. Any financial assistance granted will be offered only as a component of ongoing educational, spiritual, and emotional support. If you cannot commit to working toward the development of your personal, professional, spiritual, and financial goals, we will not be able to offer you financial assistance.

We do not accept third-party applications for financial assistance. All applications must be submitted by the person or couple requesting assistance. All financial assistance requires a valid Social Security Number.

Any applicant demonstrating manipulative, deceitful, dishonest, demanding and/or abusive behavior will not be eligible for financial assistance.

