

## Midland States Bank Foundation Grant Application Tool

**NOTE: The Foundation Application must be completed in one session as progress cannot be saved.**

For this reason, below is a list of questions and materials required for the Midland Foundation application.

Please use this as a reference only; all requests must be submitted electronically via the foundation's website at <https://www.midlandsb.com/about-us/foundation> during the open submission periods. We no longer accept letters of inquiry or paper/email requests for Foundation funding.

For additional questions, contact us at [foundation@midlandsb.com](mailto:foundation@midlandsb.com).

## About

The Midland States Bank Foundation was created to provide improvements for the general welfare, education and health in our communities.

We hope to assist as many local organizations as our resources will allow. However, please recognize that we consistently receive more requests for funds than can be supported by Midland States Bank's resources. Limited resources require that we prioritize our giving. To accomplish this, we consider those areas in which we believe the most critical needs exist and where the Bank's resources can have the most favorable impact on the communities we serve. *Special consideration is given to programs that support low- to moderate-income populations.*

## Eligibility

The following **must** be met to qualify for funding:

- The Entity requesting donation must be tax exempt as defined by Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) of the Code.
- Midland must obtain a copy of the organization's tax exempt status determination letter from the IRS.
- The Entity requesting a donation must serve and have a direct impact on the communities in our geographical footprint.
- The request of funds must be aligned with the goals and focus of Midland States Bank: Education, Work Force Development, Financial Empowerment, Housing, Small Business Development and Health & Wellness

## Midland States Bank Foundation Application Sections & Questions

### Section: Organization

- Organization Name, address, phone number, main contact

### Section: Donation Details

- Donation Title
- Is this a request for funds or an in-kind request?
- Dollar Amount Requested
- Are you willing to accept a reduced funding amount, if the full grant request cannot be met?
- Community-Impact Focus Areas that align with the request.
- How does your request align with our Community Impact Investment Pillars?
- Provide a brief overview describing how these funds will be used.
- Does the organization currently have a banking or investing relationship with Midland?
- Name any Midland team members currently participating on your board, committee, or as a volunteer.
- Have you previously received funds from the Midland States Bank Foundation?
- Please provide any previous donations your organization received either from the Midland Foundation or its regional markets.
- Additional Information (*Attachment option*)

### Section: Partnership

- If you are currently partnering with Midland States Bank, please share details on how you are currently partnering.
- What opportunities are available for us to deepen the relationship with your organization (financial literacy, volunteerism, banking services, etc.)?

### Section: Impact

- Number of People Benefited
- Donation Beneficiaries (\*Describe the people/recipients served by this donation.)
- Impact Areas (\*region selection, dropdown box provided)
- Does your organization serve 51% or more of low- to moderate-income individuals?
- **CRA Service Letter Required** (*Attachment option*).
  - Please upload a letter, utilizing your organization's letterhead that states the following information, permitted it applies. If this does not apply, you can add a document that states this does not apply to your organization and its request for funding.
    - Organization Name
    - Organization Address
    - Organization tax ID number
    - Mission of the Organization
    - Website (if available)
    - Description of the population your organization will be able to serve through the donation.
    - Include the statement: **"We serve 51% or more of low-to-moderate income individuals."**
- Notes  
*Include any additional thoughts for consideration*

### **Section: Marketing & Acknowledgement**

- Please outline the specific methods your organization plans to use to acknowledge this donation.
- Marketing Attachments (*Attachment option*)  
*You are welcome to add any attachments that will share more on the specific ways this donation would be acknowledged*

### **Section: Accounting**

- Payable to
- Tax Deductible
- Payment Instructions
- Operational Budget  
*Please attach the annual operating budget for your organization. You are welcome to also attach the specific program budget should you choose; however, it must be provided as one attachment.*