



CALVARY CHAPEL ST. PETERSBURG

Request For Financial Assistance

PLEASE FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY

RETURN TO: ASSISTANCE@CALVARYSTP.ORG

Date: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Complete Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION:

☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced ☐ Widow(er)

Spouse's Name (if applicable): _____

Spouse's Age: _____ Spouse's Sex: _____

Names & ages of other family living with you:

Names & ages of anyone else living with you:

HOUSING INFORMATION:

☐ Rent ☐ Own ☐ Live with Family ☐ Live with Friends ☐ No Current Housing

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Are you currently employed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If **YES**, where? _____ How long? _____

If **NO**, how long have you been unemployed? _____

Is your spouse currently employed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If **YES**, where? _____ How long? _____

If **NO**, how long has he/she been unemployed? _____

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OTHER INFORMATION

Have you been assisted financially by Calvary Chapel **BEFORE**? ☐ Yes ☐ No

When? _____

Briefly describe your financial request of the Church:

Please describe in detail your **circumstances** that have prompted you to seek help from the church:

What steps have you taken to resolve your current need before coming to the church?

Please list any other sources of income below...

Social Security: \$ _____

AFDC: \$ _____

Food Stamps: \$ _____

Unemployment Compensation: \$ _____

WIC: \$ _____

Workman's Compensation: \$ _____

SSI: \$ _____

Child Support: \$ _____

Other means of Income: \$ _____

Who referred you to Calvary Chapel for assistance? _____

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Do you **regularly** attend Calvary Chapel church services? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If **YES**, how long? _____

Which service do you attend most often? _____

List any small group ministries you are involved with on a regular basis & the leader's name (e.g. Life group, Bible study, accountability group, etc.):

If you are not involved with a small group list people who know you and are a part of this fellowship:

Have you ever been counseled by anyone at Calvary Chapel? ☐ Yes ☐ No

When? _____

Who counseled you? _____

For us to make a wise decision, it may be necessary for us to contact the person(s) listed above. Do you agree to this? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you **DO NOT** attend Calvary Chapel, what church do you regularly attend?

HEALTH INFORMATION:

Please list any significant illnesses, injuries, or handicaps that would prevent you from working:

Please take with you and carefully read the "Financial Assistance Application Guidelines" so that you will understand our policies. Your request will be given to a pastor for consideration & you will be contacted within a few working days.

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the above, and all information surrendered is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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CALVARY CHAPEL ST. PETERSBURG FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GUIDELINES

“Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.”

James 1:12

The primary focus of the Special Needs Ministry is to minister to members within our own fellowship who are facing a financial emergency or experiencing a hardship which interferes with meeting their basic family needs. The Special Needs fund is not intended for meeting long-term financial needs. Requests will be prayerfully considered using the guidelines below. Please read the following carefully so you will understand the criteria we use to base our decisions. As soon as a determination has been made, someone from the church staff will contact you.

1. As a part of this body, we strongly recommend (if you are not already doing so) that you become involved in a home fellowship or small group, so that you may receive the support and strength that comes from fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ.
2. The focus of the benevolence ministry is assisting with basic needs, such as food and shelter.
3. It is never our purpose in providing benevolence to relieve the consequences of unrepented sin (Luke 15:16-17). Calvary Chapel looks to assist those people in need who are seeking to be obedient to the Lord's will.
4. Benevolence is given to assist the recipient as he or she works through the problem, not to bail an individual out of their situation. (Leviticus 19:9-10). Galatians 2:10 tells us to help the needy. 1 Timothy 5 tells us that we must discern who is really in need. 2 Thessalonians 3:10 says, "If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat."
5. In reference to widows in the church, Scripture is very clear in 1 Timothy 5:3-8, that financial assistance should first be sought from other family members before making a request to the church.
6. Calvary Chapel's response to a request will not be predicated upon the urgency of circumstances. Rather, any urgency will be prompted by the Holy Spirit. Requests for benevolence require pastoral review, which may take several days.
7. In some cases, applicants may be required to meet with a Calvary Chapel Financial Counselor before any benevolence is administered.
8. Applicants who ignore or do not follow through with suggested counsel may be denied their request.
9. All follow-up and follow through is the responsibility of the person submitting the request.
10. Any violation of honesty will disqualify a request.
11. All benevolence checks will be made payable to the debtor only, and never to the recipient of the financial aid (e.g. utility company, landlord, etc.).
12. Calvary Chapel's response to a request is considered to be confidential. A violation of confidentiality may result in disqualification of a request currently being considered and/or future requests.

** Also, any assistance given is not to be considered as a loan, however, as the Lord allows and enables you in the future, you might consider giving a gift to the Special Needs fund.*

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