**About McKinley**

For nearly a century, the McKinley Foundation and McKinley Presbyterian Church have sought to live out faith and socially conscious convictions through social justice work and service. Social justice, diversity and sustainability are core values of McKinley whose efforts include advocacy for civil rights dating back to the 1950s; the Vietnam peace movement and women’s rights in the 1970s; and LGBTQ inclusion in the 1980s. Local causes have included daycare for low-income families, winter emergency shelters for the homeless, and providing food, clothing and housing for the needy. Currently, we support the Garden Hills community through a food pantry at the elementary school and fresh produce from our giving garden. The foundation has also released a statement in support of the Black Lives Matter movement to represent and outline our mission enacting change in racial justice.

**The Grant**

To demonstrate our commitment to creating a better world, we will provide monetary help to organizations or individuals aligned with our core values and mission in support of social and racial justice, diversity, and sustainability. Twelve grants in amounts up to $1,000 will be awarded throughout the year to organizations and individuals whose work or special projects falls within at least one of these categories:

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* Racial justice and equality
* Healthcare
* Education
* Environmental activism
* Food and housing insecurities
* Gender equality
* LGBTQ activism

**Eligibility Criteria**

Successful applications/recipients will meet the following criteria:

* Demonstrate exceptional dedication to advancing the cause of social justice, bringing about greater awareness of injustice, and improving the lives of those who have suffered unjustly within our community.
* Reside or be based in Champaign County.
* Agree to attend and present what the organization or individual has been able to accomplish with the grant reward at the McKinley Foundation social justice celebration.

**Other considerations**

* Priority is given to new applicants. If you or your organization previously received a grant, please do not apply in a concurrent year.
* We do not provide grants for fundraising events.

**Application Procedure**

1. Complete the application on page 3 of this document.
2. Provide a brief budget indicating how the funds will be used.
3. Write an essay no more than two single-spaced pages in length describing the applicant’s background, mission, and plans for using the grant funds. We encourage you to identify goals and activities for the upcoming year and to explain how these activities will impact the local community.
4. For 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) organizations, please provide EIN.
5. Send the required documents to the Grants and Scholarships Committee at grants@mckinleycu.org.

**Application Deadlines**

The Grants and Scholarship Committee meets monthly to review applications. Applications received by the 15th of the month will be considered at the following month’s meeting.

**McKinley Foundation Social Justice Grant**

**Application**

**Category of Applicant**

* Organization
Is the organization 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4)? 🞏 Yes / 🞏 No
* Individual

**Category of Mission or Project** (Check all that apply.)

* Racial justice and equality
* Healthcare
* Education
* Environmental activism
* Food and housing insecurities
* Gender equality
* LGBTQ activism
* Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Information**

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Requested: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Grants are awarded in amounts up to $1,000. Please provide a description and brief budget indicating how the requested funds will be used.

**Essay**

Along with your application, please submit an essay of no more than 1,000 words that includes the following:

* the applicant’s history, background, and/or mission
* a description of how the grant funds will be used – goals and activities planned
* explanation of how these activities and use of finances align with McKinley’s mission

Note: Applicants may be asked to provide references to verify intended use of finances.

**Submission**

Please send this application and supporting documents to grants@mckinleycu.org.