

SCHOWALTER FOUNDATION

A SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION OF EVERENCE FOUNDATION

The Schowalter Foundation (Schowalter) began in 1954 upon the implementation of J. A. Schowalter's will. His desire was to create a foundation with ongoing agricultural operations to support programs developed by three Mennonite denominations: General Conference Mennonite Church, Mennonite Church, and Church of God in Christ, Mennonite. The Schowalter Foundation board members are chosen from members of Mennonite churches or Anabaptist denominations that have current or historical affiliation with those three denominations. Schowalter Foundation is a supporting organization of Everence Foundation.

Mission Statement:

The Schowalter Foundation is committed to generating income within the bounds of Christian ethics as defined in consultation with Everence Foundation. Schowalter strives to maintain low overhead and to grow its assets to build gifting capacity. The Schowalter strategy is to make grants of its income to challenge, encourage and stimulate further outreach and witness.

Funding Policies:

Priority consideration is given to applications originating from Mennonite Church USA, Church of God in Christ, Mennonite, and Mennonite denominations that have historical affiliation with Mennonite Church USA, and the agencies and institutions of these denominations. These requests include support for:

- overseas and home missions, including relief organizations
- peace, social and welfare concerns
- scholarships to Mennonite colleges and seminaries to support international and ministerial students
- such other programs as are initiated and carried on by boards, committees, and agencies directly or indirectly related to the Mennonite denominations

Priority support is for projects that need seed money for start-up costs related to new programs which have broad application and potential for impact and sustainability.

Fund requests that originate outside the Mennonite denominations may be considered if the faith tradition of the applicant organization aligns with the Mennonite faith tradition. Local projects with geographical proximity to North Newton, Kansas and Schowalter properties are also considered.

Schowalter gives geographical preference to applications from the Great Plains and the Midwest.

Only entities with IRS tax-exempt status may receive funding recommended by Schowalter Foundation. Documentation must be submitted.

Schowalter Foundation does not fund the following types of projects:

- Endowments
- Fellowships, travel, loans, or scholarship assistance to individuals
- Organizations outside the United States and its possessions
- Direct or indirect political campaign activities
- Elementary or secondary schools or equipment for such schools
- Retirement communities or equipment for retirement communities
- Historical research
- General fundraising campaigns or major capital project campaigns
- Ongoing general operational support
- Multi-year commitments

All funding applications are due March 1 and September 1 of each year. Funding requests not received by those deadlines may not be considered. If the deadline is missed, an applicant may be asked to resubmit the request for the next upcoming deadline.

Applicants should comply with the following:

- **Funding application via email is requested in either PDF or Word document format.**
Schowalter will reply with an acknowledgment via email. If an acknowledgment is not received within a reasonable amount of time, it is the applicant's responsibility to notify Schowalter and resubmit.
- **The funding application must be in the Schowalter Foundation's format.**
Applications not using the Schowalter format will be asked to resubmit or may not be considered.
- **Only one copy of the application is required.**
- **Applications shall not exceed two pages and shall not be numbered, stapled or hole punched.**
- **Applications should be emailed to schowalterfoundation@gmail.com.**

All recipients of Schowalter Foundation funding distributions are required to submit a report on the use of the funds within one year.

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