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Great Rivers Region*

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2026 INTERN GRANT

The Great Rivers Region Intern Grant is designed to challenge region churches to get interns to enhance existing ministries or explore new ministries during the summer months. Funding for this grant is made possible by the Des Peres Legacy. These internships can expand the ministry of the church and provide a significant opportunity to explore ministry vocations and receive ministry coaching.

Grant Qualifications

1. _____ The intern will be hired and work only in 2026.
2. _____ The grant is for intern salary & expenses.
3. _____ The grant request deadline is April 30, 2026.

Requirements

1. _____ Requesting church must be in good standing with the region.*
2. _____ Submit a 1–2-page plan about the project, including the merit of the project, the intern's estimated salary & expenses and start/end dates.
3. _____ Submit the 2025 church approved budget noting the intern budget.
4. _____ Submit the application form with all information, including signatures/documentation.
5. _____ Submit this form when all items are checked off.
6. _____ When the intern project is complete, email a short summary to the region office showing benefits to the church and what was learned.

Intern Grants awards are 50% of the project budget, up to \$2,000. For instance:

- If an intern is budgeted at \$7,000 and the grant request is approved, the award is \$2,000.
- If an intern is budgeted at \$500 and the grant request is approved, the award is \$250.

The Region Executive will review each proposal and make awards based on merit and the availability of funds. Notice of awards will be made as soon as possible by email. Award checks will be mailed after the church notifies the region in writing (mail or email) that the intern has been hired, the date the intern will begin, and the salary. The grant check will be mailed before the intern's start date. There are no restrictions with respect to gender, age, education, or time commitment. The intern must not be an existing employee of the church.

Great Rivers Region Intern Grant Application 2026

Church Legal Name: _____

Church Mailing Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact Email: _____

Intern project Name & Description:

We certify that the church has authorized this intern project and included it in the 2026 church budget in the amount of \$_____, The budget is included with this application. We understand that the intern is a part-time or temporary employee of the church, and the church assumes all authority, responsibility, and liability for the intern.

Pastor Signature/Date

Moderator Signature/Date

Submit completed documents to nancy@abcgrr.org or ABCGRR POB 13457 Springfield IL 62791.

Applications must be received at the region office by April 30, 2026.

Please direct any questions to nancy@abcgrr.org.

**"Good Standing" is evidenced by a current church annual report on file in the regional office and having contributed to the financial support of the Region, either through United Mission, America for Christ, or Specifics during the preceding year.