



The Exchange Club of Augusta

2026 Guidelines for Unrestricted Grants

ABOUT THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF AUGUSTA

The Exchange Club of Augusta was chartered on August 8, 1923, by a group of 34 young men who shared a vision of service, fellowship, and civic leadership. From its earliest days, the Club was built on a simple but powerful belief that meaningful change begins at the community level.

One of the Club's founding members, William M. Lester, expressed this mission clearly saying, "It is our purpose to accomplish something worthwhile for our city, our state, and our country." The commitment to supporting the well-being of children remains at the heart of our work today.

Shortly after its founding, the Exchange Club began operating what is now known as the Georgia-Carolina State Fair. Established as a way to raise funds for local initiatives, the Fair has grown into a longstanding community tradition and continues to serve as a primary source of charitable support.

In alignment with the National Exchange Club's core project, the Prevention of Child Abuse, The Exchange Club of Augusta prioritizes funding organizations dedicated to protecting, strengthening, and investing in children and families. Through our other fundraising efforts such as the Augusta Charity Classic Golf Tournament, member contributions, and various community initiatives, the Exchange Club remains committed to identifying critical needs and directing resources where they can make the greatest impact. For more than a century, The Exchange Club of Augusta has sought to be a responsible steward of community resources by supporting programs that demonstrate measurable outcomes, lasting benefits, and meaningful change throughout the CSRA.

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATIONS

1. Eligibility for Unrestricted Grants

The Exchange Club of Augusta's Donation Committee considers grant applications from organizations that:

- Are recognized as charitable under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, public entities, or other qualified charitable, educational, or cultural organizations.
- Provide programs and services within the counties that comprise the CSRA.

2. Proposal Focus Areas

The Committee encourages applications to emphasize the following areas within their proposal as these priorities reflect our mission and help guide our funding decisions:

- Demonstrates positive impacts on the lives of children
- Develop skills and competencies that enable individuals to lead fuller, more productive lives.
- Promote prevention-based systems or approaches that address individual, family, or community challenges.
- Address a significant need affecting a broad segment of the local population.
- Clearly define how grant funds will be used.
- Identify measurable outcomes and explain how results will be evaluated and reported to The Exchange Club of Augusta.

3. Continued Funding

While organizations may apply for continued funding, the Exchange Club of Augusta seeks to distribute funds across a broad range of community partners. Requests for recurring or annual funding will be evaluated alongside all other proposals, with consideration given to overall community impact for that funding cycle.

4. Application Process

1. Confirm eligibility based on the criteria listed above.
2. Direct any questions to:
 - Charlie May at cmay@janney.com
 - Leia Mattson at lmattson@janney.com
3. Complete the online application available at www.augustaexchangeclub.com under the Community Outreach section (2026 Donation banner).
4. Submit the completed application and all required documentation by April 10, 2026.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.