

The Ruth and Paul Dickinson Trust



Ruth and Paul Dickinson had a heart for meeting charitable needs, especially in Central and Southern Oklahoma—the place where they lived, and the place where their businesses were located. The Ruth and Paul Dickinson Trust is administered by The Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma. Each year, this trust provides charitable distributions to worthy applicant charitable organizations, as approved by the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

Does Your Organization Qualify?

According to the Last Will and Testament of Paul Dickinson, Sr., there are two provisions under which your charitable organization may qualify.

The first portion states that “earnings and income from the Trust shall be distributed annually to assist charitable organizations whose primary purpose is to meet human need, alleviate human suffering, and/or promote the growth and development of young people with particular preference given to those organizations and institutions which service the needs of people living in Central and Southern Oklahoma. Such charities shall be limited to organizations which are organized for purposes and carrying out functions that are consistent with Southern Baptist tradition and belief. Said distributions of earnings and income shall be determined by the Board of Directors of The Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma in its sole discretion.”

The second portion states that “earnings and income from the Trust shall be distributed annually to assist and provide for medical research and medical care for the needy. Such institutions or programs shall constitute acute care hospitals, hospitals operated by or in conjunction with an accredited school of medicine, schools of nursing, research hospitals, or other institutions providing medical care and treatment, within the United States of America. Such institutions or programs shall be limited to those which are organized to carry out functions and provide services in a manner consistent with Southern Baptist traditions and beliefs. Said distributions of earnings and income shall be determined by the Board of Directors of The Baptist Foundation in its sole discretion.”

In all cases, “distribution of funds shall be limited to those organizations that are, at the time of such distribution, exempt from income tax by reasons of provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 501 (c) (3), and Code Section 2055, as may be amended from time to time.”

How Does Your Organization Apply?

Grant applications for the Ruth and Paul Dickinson Trust are located online and may be printed for submission. Please visit the Foundation’s website at www.bfok.org.

Specific guidelines are as follows:

- *Applications must be received in the Foundation offices by the close of business on the first Friday of November each year. Applications received after this time will not be considered.*
- *Acceptance and consideration of applications is at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of the Foundation.*
- *A list of required enclosures is shown on the face of the application. Please submit only the items listed.*
- *Please submit the enclosures in the order listed, directly behind the application. (There is no need to include a cover letter, but if one is provided, please place the letter directly behind the actual application.)*

When Will Your Organization Receive Notification?

The Board of Directors will typically review grant applications in December, with voting to follow at the January board meeting. Your organization will be notified as to the approval or rejection of its grant application. Distribution checks will be mailed in early February.