

**WORSHIP CITY CHURCH: BENEVOLENCE FUND APPLICATION**

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current registered member of Worship City Church?  Yes  No

**Note:** Only current registered members of Worship City Church are eligible to receive benevolence gifts from this fund.

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF NEED:** (Briefly describe your recent hardship or extraordinary circumstance)

Please list the name of businesses and amounts for your request (use additional page if necessary). Checks will **not** be issued to members unless approved under special circumstances.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Total Amount Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

Requests are reviewed monthly except in cases of emergency. Is this request urgent in nature?

Yes, this request is urgent, process immediately.

No, this request can be processed at the next scheduled review (usually 1-3 weeks).

**REFERENCES:** (Please provide a list of people or organizations with phone number who can verify your need).

1. \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Your signature below authorizes us to consult with other community partners (Red Cross, United Way, Salvation Army, Department of Human Services, etc.) about your application to help determine how best to meet the existing need.**

**I certify that the information on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**For office use only:**

Assistance Provided:  Yes \$ \_\_\_\_\_  No

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Benevolence Fund Overview & Application Process

Worship City Church  
900 22<sup>nd</sup> Street South  
St. Petersburg, Florida 33712

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### **Benevolence Defined**

Benevolence is defined as an act of kindness or generosity. The Worship City Church benevolence fund has been created to assist members of our congregation facing unique situations of hardship or extraordinary circumstances as a result of extending discipleship and ministry to others in need.

### **Fund Collection**

The Benevolence Fund Raising Committee at Worship City Church organizes and conducts a variety of fund-raising events throughout the church year. These funds are designated to be used for benevolence purposes for members of our church.

### **Eligibility**

Persons requesting funds must be registered members of Worship City Church. Applicants who consider Worship City Church their church home but, are not registered, must complete membership before their request can be submitted for consideration. Members may make a request to the benevolence fund once per year except in cases of extreme hardship.

### **Application Process**

The application form on the back of this page should be completed and returned to the office in a sealed enveloped labeled: Attention – BENEVOLENCE REVIEW COMMITTEE or can be emailed to [info@weareworshipcity.org](mailto:info@weareworshipcity.org). All requests, large or small, must be submitted in writing via the application form.

### **Confidentiality and the Approval Process**

The application is reviewed by the Benevolence Review Committee. The committee is made up of one Pastoral Council member, one Benevolence Committee member and one at-large member of the church. The Pastor and church staff do not review the requests.

After review, the Benevolence Review Committee provides a general summary of all applications received, a balance of the benevolence fund, and a recommendation for approval of the applications to the Pastor. All personal information about the request is kept confidential.

The Pastor will accept or reject the Benevolence Review Committee's recommendations. If the Pastor elects to modify the recommendation, he will first consult the Finance Council. All approved applications will be given to the appropriate church staff for payment.

### **Distribution**

Checks will **not** be issued to members. Checks will be made payable to the designated recipient (for example: housing) on behalf of the individual. Payments will be distributed at the end of each month except in cases of urgent need to sustain the basic necessities of life and that other community organizations cannot meet that need.