

AUGUSTA BAR FOUNDATION

GRANT GUIDELINES - 2026

Eligibility:

- Organizations must be located and provide services in one or more of the following counties: Burke, Columbia or Richmond.
- Applicants must qualify as charitable under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or be classified as a unit of government, or other charitable, education or cultural organization.
- Organizations must not discriminate on basis of age, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, physical ability, sexual orientation, political affiliation or religious beliefs.
- Organizations must demonstrate financial stability.
- The Augusta Bar Foundation will accept only one application per organization per year.
- Organizations that received grants from the Augusta Bar Foundation for two consecutive years are not eligible to apply for the third year. For example, if you received a grant in 2024 and 2025, you are not eligible to apply for 2026 and must wait until 2027 to reapply.

The Augusta Bar Foundation Mission Statement and Funding Priorities:

The Augusta Bar Foundation, Inc. was organized and founded for the primary purpose of improving and promoting the administration of justice. Consistent with this purpose, the Board of Directors has adopted a policy of using the Foundation's resources to provide funding and support for programs and organizations designed to enhance the lives of and improve opportunities for at-risk, disadvantaged, and underserved youth within the Augusta Judicial Circuit. The goal of this effort will be to give these youth alternatives to crime, violence, substance abuse, and illiteracy with corresponding reduction in the burden on our courts and system of justice.

Currently the Augusta Bar Foundation will consider funding proposals that include the following areas:

- Requests that address a community need, an emerging community need, and/or provide a new, creative approach to a community need that positively affects at-risk, disadvantaged, and underserved youth.
- Requests that demonstrate the ability to achieve measurable results. Priority will be given to a project/organization demonstrating high probability of sustainability beyond the grant period.
- Requests that fit within at least one of the following funding areas:
 - Education (within and outside the school system; skills training);
 - Mentoring (providing positive role models in relationships, parenting, employment);
 - Health and Safety (conflict resolution and substance abuse);
 - Self-Sufficiency (such as education, self-esteem, empowerment, self-respect);

and

- Family Issues (such as parenting skills, family counseling, and juvenile justice).

Areas Generally Not Funded:

- Capital and endowment campaigns
- Travel and conferences
- Individuals
- Fraternal organizations
- Organizations for re-granting purposes
- Capital expenses for transportation

Range of Grants: The Augusta Bar Foundation will not consider a funding request exceeding \$5,000.

Additional Requirements:

- All grant applicants may be asked to host a site visit during the grant application process.
- If selected as a grant recipient, all organizations are required to participate in an evaluation process and account for grant expenses upon project completion or by a date specified by the Foundation.
- Any funds not spent for the approved purposes by the date specified must be returned to the Foundation.

How to Apply for a Grant:

- Review the guidelines to make sure your organization is eligible to apply for funds.
- The application can be found by visiting:
<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfcentralsavannah>
- If you are a first-time applicant using the Community Foundation for the CSRA's Grants Portal, you will need to create an account. If you have applied for other funding opportunities within the last year, use your existing login credentials.
- Complete the Augusta Bar Foundation 2026 Grant Application.
- All applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on July 20, 2026.
- Final decisions on grant approvals will be made by December, 2026.

Questions:

- Please contact the Community Foundation for the CSRA at (706) 724-1314.