



Chalice Lighter Award Considerations

Each Chalice Lighter grant application will be evaluated based on the following criteria.

Mission/Vision/Purpose

- ⊕ The project reflects UU values and the congregation's mission and vision. (Please include your congregation's mission and vision statements.)
- ⊕ The project supports congregational growth and/or Unitarian Universalism.
- ⊕ The project has broad congregational support and is integrated into the long-range plan.
- ⊕ The budget and pledging reflect strong stewardship values, e.g. pattern of increased giving, fair compensation for staff).

Accountability

- ⊕ All components of the application are complete and concise, and relevant documentation is attached.
- ⊕ The goals of the project are clearly defined and achievable, and there is a plan for tracking success.
- ⊕ The plan includes a means of reporting report project results should be reported to UUA at six months and twelve months.

Supporting Information

- ⊕ The grant is for a specific project and not general budget relief.
- ⊕ The congregation is working toward Fair Share and a high percentage of Chalice Lighters.¹
- ⊕ The application includes the following fiscal information:
 - Current year's budget including previous year's annual fiscal report;
 - Budget projection for next year that show project sustainability.
- ⊕ The application provides:
 - The name of the current Chalice Lighter Ambassador and the number of Chalice Lighters;
 - Information on Fair Share status on Annual Program Fund (APF).

Connections to the Greater Community

- ⊕ Special consideration will be given to projects that promote inclusiveness, environmental issues, social justice, and accessibility.
- ⊕ Special consideration will be given to projects that demonstrate learnings that can be shared with other congregations.
- ⊕ Preference will be given to congregations that have not received a CL grant in the past three years.

¹Preference will be given to congregations with a minimum of 20%.