



Short Term Help Process & Guidelines

NorthRidge Church's Mission is to Wake the World Up to Jesus by Showing God's Love, Telling God's Truth and Involving Others. At times, many of us need a little financial help to get by, whether it's money for food, utilities or an urgent bill. NorthRidge's attendees regularly give of their own resource to help others in such need.

If you are a NorthRidge member or regular attendee and would like to receive benevolence assistance, here are the steps needed:

1. Complete the Benevolence Application and prepare requested documents.
2. Speak with our Care staff about your circumstances *usually within 24 hours of receiving your request); and
3. The Care Office will follow up from there.

NorthRidge, in its sole discretion, considers the following factors as a guideline for every applicant whenever a request for short term help is received:

- The applicant's level and length of participation or attendance at NorthRidge's in-person services or programs. We do look for recent active involvement of at least 6 months. If children are involved their attendance will also be considered.
- The applicant's history of benevolence with NorthRidge, other churches or organizations;
- Depending on the nature of the applicant's circumstances, whether the applicant is willing to participate in a multi-week experience on financial freedom, or take certain steps to improve their circumstances, including but not limited to working at no cost with a personal financial coach.
- How the requested assistance will serve the applicant and the mission of NorthRidge Church.

Please note when benevolence is given, NorthRidge's approach is to directly pay the specific vendor or expense at issue; not to give any funds directly to an applicant.

NorthRidge church benevolence ministry has the right to deny assistance to any application that fails to meet qualifications.



Benevolence Assistance Agreement

I understand that Benevolence Assistance through NRC Care Ministries is purposed to:

1. Provide short-term and appropriate benevolence assistance.
2. Provide practical training for understanding finances as part of an overall stewardship of life.

We ask for a commitment from our benevolence recipients to attend one of the **Financial Peace University** classes or meet with a Financial Coach one-on-one, within one year of receiving benevolence assistance through NorthRidge Church. These commitment includes:

1. Attending a scheduled Financial Peace University class or working at no cost with a personal Financial Coach within one year of receiving financial assistance.
2. Consistently doing the homework between the Financial Peace class sessions and agreeing to miss more than 2 classes, unless there is a life crisis.
3. If married, my spouse and I will complete the requirements together.

Note: *NRC Care Ministries will provide the study materials, a \$100 value, at **no cost** to you for the Financial Peace University Seminar.*

I authorize the Care Ministry Staff Leader to confidentially share the overview of my financial situation with a Financial Coach, *if I decide to pursue additional one-on-one coaching.*

I understand that if I do not complete one of the Financial Peace classes or work with a financial coach that I will not be able to receive benevolence assistance from NorthRidge Church in the future.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Staff Leader Signature _____ **Date** _____



Letter of Explanation

Please give a detailed explanation of your situation and why you are seeking help. Also, include your plans for next month's payments.



Benevolence Assistance Application

Date: _____

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City Zip

Phone: (____) _____ (____) _____
Cell Phone # Alternate Phone #

E-mail Address: _____

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- Are you married? (If no, are you divorced? _____)
- Do you have children? If so, how many living at home? _____ Ages of children: _____
- Do you attend NorthRidge Church regularly? If so, how long have you attended? _____
- Are you a member of NorthRidge Church?
- Are you currently employed? If so, where? _____
- Have you received Assistance from NorthRidge before (i.e. Financial, Care Scholarship, etc.)?
If so, what assistance have you received? _____

Are you currently receiving assistance from any other agencies? If so, which agencies? _____

Are you currently receiving any other sources of income? If so, source: _____

What help is currently needed?

- _____ Amount: _____ Due Date: ____/____/____
- _____ Amount: _____ Due Date: ____/____/____
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- _____ Amount: _____ Due Date: ____/____/____

Total Amount: _____

Please provide the following documents for your Benevolence Request:

- Copy of original Bills and/or Lease Agreement
- Letter explaining your need for assistance at this time
- 1 Letter of reference from Regular Attendees of NorthRidge Church (*if requested*)
- Proof of income (*if requested*)

The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge. _____
Signature