



FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF WICHITA  
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## Share the Plate Award

For nearly 130 years, First Unitarian Universalist Church of Wichita (FUUW) has provided a space for liberal religious practice and social action in our community. Social action is our opening to walk in solidarity with our community and invite FUUW members to live into our shared principles.

FUUW is seeking applications for our Share the Plate Award. Share the Plate recipients will receive donations from one of our Sunday service plate collections each month, for the duration of one year. The Share the Plate Award is granted to any 501(c)3 nonprofit whose work is committed to social justice, is in line with the Unitarian Universalist Seven Principles and the stated UUA Congregational Study/Action Issues, and engages our congregants in meaningful collaborative opportunities. Applicants must be located in or near Wichita, or otherwise have an existing presence in the Wichita community for the purpose of engaging Wichita residents. No 527 Groups, PACs, or political campaigns are eligible to apply.

Open application period:  
September 1st - December 31st

Applications must be received no later than  
8pm CST on December 31st

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All electronic applications must be submitted to:  
[minister@firstuu.net](mailto:minister@firstuu.net) and [socialaction@firstuu.net](mailto:socialaction@firstuu.net)

Information about the Unitarian Universalist Seven Principles is available online at:  
<http://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/principles>

Information about the Congregational Study/Action Issues can be found online at:  
<http://www.uua.org/statements/current>



### SELECTION PROCESS

- The Share the Plate committee includes the Minister, Social Action Coordinator, members of the FUUW Board of Trustees, and lay leaders.
- The UU Social Witness Statement is released at the UU General Assembly in late June. Applicants are invited to begin submitting proposals on September 1st, and the deadline for submission is December 31st.
- The Share the Plate committee will screen applications to ensure all candidates meet the criteria. The congregation and committee will nominate up to 4 finalists to move ahead in the selection process.
- Finalists will be required to address the congregation during a Sunday service, and will be invited to staff a table after service that same Sunday. These presentations will be scheduled from February through May.
- Congregants will vote for their preferred proposal at FUUW's Annual Meeting in June.
- Two applicants will be selected to receive a monthly Sunday plate for one year beginning in July.

### ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

The primary intent of the Share Plate Award is to provide support for thoughtful efforts connected to the larger social justice vision of Unitarian Universalism, as well as creating opportunities to develop collaborative relationships and forming alliances.

- Current recipients are not eligible to apply for the subsequent year; they may reapply for funding after a one-year hiatus.
- Organizations may submit only one proposal for each call.
- Awardees will be required to meet on a monthly basis with the FUUW Social Action Coordinator to discuss congregational involvement and overall progress of the program.
- Proposals must include a plan to engage FUUW members through programming, volunteer opportunities, education, or other strategies.
- The proposal must include a means of reporting quantitative project results.
- The proposal must report the current year's budget, including the previous year's annual fiscal report, as well as a budget projection for the next year that shows project sustainability.
- Both new and existing projects will be considered for funding. Applicants are not expected to invent new projects unless those new projects are relevant and needed to advance the organization's social justice work.



## EVALUATION GUIDELINES

Each Share the Plate Award application will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

### MISSION/PURPOSE/VISION

- The project reflects FUUW's principles. Visit <https://firstuu.net/about/principles/> for more information.
- The project reflects one or more of the following justice concerns, based on the Unitarian Universalist Association's Congregational Study/Action Items:
  - Climate Change and Environmental Justice
  - The Corruption of our Democracy
  - Ending Gun Violence in America
  - A National Conversation on Race

### ACCOUNTABILITY

- All components of the application are complete and concise, and relevant documentation is attached.
- The goals of the proposal are clearly defined and achievable, and there is a plan for tracking success.
- The proposal includes a means of reporting quantitative project results to the FUUW board at 3 months, 6 months, 9 months, and 12 months.

### FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

- The budget and pledging should reflect strong stewardship values (e.g. plan for sustainable funding including a pattern of increased grassroots giving) as well as fair compensation for staff (if applicable).
- The application must include the following fiscal information:
  - Current year's budget including a basic annual fiscal report.
  - Budget projection for next year that shows project sustainability.

### CONNECTION TO FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF WICHITA

- Preference will given to proposals that include one or more of the following ways to connect to First Unitarian Universalist Church of Wichita to the project/program.
  - Describes potential for involvement for congregants of First Unitarian Universalist Church of Wichita, including an active approach to recruiting within the congregation.
  - Utilizes First Unitarian Universalist Church as a venue for planning meetings, public events, trainings/workshops, and/or group discussions.



## 2015 Share the Plate Application

Thank you for your interest in collaborating with First Unitarian Universalist Church of Wichita (FUUW). We appreciate your desire to make positive social change in our city and our state, and we share in the vision to build a healthy, equitable, and creative community of life.

Please review the Share the Plate criteria to ensure your eligibility to apply for funding in the upcoming fiscal year (July 2016 - June 2017). We cannot guarantee a specific amount of funding, because this award is based upon the monthly giving of our members. Thus you are not requesting a specific dollar amount, but rather showing us how we can support your work with both our money and our participation.

Please provide the following information, respecting the maximum word limits as stated.

- 1) What are the Mission and Vision statements of the organization?
- 2) (300 words) What project(s) do you propose to implement in fiscal year 2016-17 that will directly benefit from our financial support and participation?
- 3) (200 words) How does the project reflect one or more of the following Congregational Study/Action Issues laid out by the Unitarian Universalist Association? For more information, visit <http://www.uua.org/statements/current>.
- 4) (200 words) How does the project fit into the overall vision of your organization's work?
- 5) (300 words) What are the project goals? How will you measure progress or success in implementing the project?
- 6) (200 words) How will the project seek to engage the FUUW congregation in participating in or supporting your work?
- 7) Please provide the following fiscal information:
  - a) Current year's budget including a basic annual fiscal report
  - b) Budget projection for next year that shows project sustainability