

Rauch Family Foundation I 2018

Grant Application Instructions

Mission and Grant Focus

The mission of the Rauch Family Foundation I is for the enhancement of the Rock Island Community.

About the Foundation

Albert and Lester Rauch, longtime residents of Rock Island donated their entire estates following their deaths to establish a grantmaking foundation that would benefit the community which they loved. They remembered how the community, especially the American Federation of Labor Construction Workers, came to the aid of the Rauch family whose husband and father was a paraplegic. Albert and Lester remembered how the family managed to pull through the Great Depression because the union members constructed a storefront—and the means for the family's livelihood—onto the front of their Rock Island Home. In later years, that remembrance took the form of plans to establish a family foundation that would help others of their community.

The Rauch Family Foundation I, with assets of \$1.2 million awards grants annually to organizations serving Rock Island.

The Foundation believes it should be accessible to the community and offers the service of its staff to consult with anyone considering a grant application or in need of advice, as long as the office is contacted prior to the application deadline.

Program Interests

The Directors of the Foundation are committed to a policy of flexibility and do not want to establish rigid regulations that limit the creative ability to meet needs as they arise in the community. That being said, there are a few guidelines that the Foundation follows:

Grants for program, operating and capital expenses that focus in the areas of:

- Direct services, in the areas of health, education, youth development, community development, culture and basic human need.
- Organizations or projects that are working to reduce poverty and injustice and promote democratic values, free expression and human achievement.

Geographical Focus

While there is no geographical restriction of the physical location of a qualified organization, grant proposals are restricted to proposals that serve the people of Rock Island.

Grant Restrictions

The Foundation only makes grants to charitable organizations that have been recognized by the IRS as being described in Section 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Foundation does not award the following type of grants:

Grants to individuals.

Individual scholarships (undergraduate/graduate).

Religious organizations applying for programs that are sectarian.

Organizations that discriminate by not practicing or supporting full equality.

Application Process

To apply for a grant please visit the grant portal link found at www.rauchfamilyfoundation.org. Applications must be submitted by May 1, 2018.