



**Charity Application
2017-2018**

Name of Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Description of Organization: _____

Amount of Funds Requested: _____

Intended Use of Funds: _____

Charity Auction Area Request for the Evening of the Ball (description of a wish list item valued at around \$1,000) :

To qualify for funds from the Bluebonnet Society, organizations must be:

1. Located in Austin County & have a physical address in Austin County.
2. Existed for at least one year at the time of application.
3. Have 501(c)(3) status as defined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Applications MUST include the following documents:

1. Proof of 501(c)(3) status.
2. 2016 Year-end financials (internally produced or externally audited), which includes a balance sheet and a profit and loss statement.

Please return all completed applications with required documents above by Friday, September 1, 2017 to:

The Bluebonnet Society of Austin County
Post Office Box 92
Bellville, Texas 77418

The Board of Directors of the Bluebonnet Society will review each application. The charities that meet the qualifications of the Bluebonnet Society By-Laws will be voted on by the membership. The top five charity recipients as determined by the membership will be announced at the Fall Luncheon which is held in November.

All funds will be disbursed after the Bluebonnet Ball. A check presentation reception will be held in May 2018 and all charities receiving funds will be notified at that time. If a representative is not present at the reception to receive the funds, they will have thirty days to schedule a time to pick up the donation or forfeit the funds. The Bluebonnet Society historically has awarded funds to multiple charities, including those outside the top five selected by membership.

All charities receiving over \$5,000.00 must account for the disbursements within the same calendar year as the funds are received. The funds disbursed in May 2018 must be accounted for by December 2018.

For charity application questions, please contact Kim Zapalac at 979-885-8468 or Brooke Grell 979-877-4665. For more information on the Bluebonnet Society, please refer to our website at www.bluebonnetsociety.org.

Kim Zapalac, Chair of the Charity Committee
Brooke Grell, President