



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. 2023 Year-end financials (internally produced or externally audited), which includes a balance sheet and a profit and loss statement.

All completed applications with required documents must be received via email at info@bluebonnetsociety.org or mailed and postmarked to the address below by Friday, August 30, 2024:

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 bylaws will be voted on by the membership. The top three charity recipients as determined by the membership will be announced at the Fall Membership gathering which is held in November.

All funds will be disbursed after the Bluebonnet Ball. A check presentation reception will be held in May 2025 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 three 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 2025 must be accounted for by December 2025.

For charity application questions, please contact Julie Nelson, Charity Chairman at info@bluebonnetsociety.org. For more information on the Bluebonnet Society, please refer to our website at www.bluebonnetsociety.org.

Julie Nelson, Charity Chairman
Lindsey Witte, Bluebonnet Society President

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**Charity Application
2024-2025**

Name of Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Description of Organization: _____

Amount of Funds Requested: _____

Intended Use of Funds: _____

In the following statement taken from the Bluebonnet Society bylaws, please circle that under which your organization falls:

All charities who submit an application for funds to the Board of Directors must do so on or before the fall deadline and meet the definition as follows, to-wit:

An organization engaged in kindness or help for:

Needy

Animal Care

Handicapped

Community Protection

Children

Community Services

Senior Citizens

Arts or Historical Preservation