



## ***2026 Grant Application***

### **THE SOCIETY OF THE ORDER OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS**

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### **GOALS AND PURPOSES OF THE ORDER OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS**

The Society of the Order of the Southern Cross is an IRS §501(c)(3) tax-exempt membership organization operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. The Order of the Southern Cross supports worthy Confederate Heritage projects, consistent with our tax-exempt status, therefore, any group requesting funds must be a tax-exempt organization.

### **Grant Application Information**

**Deadline: August 15, 2026**

Please complete the following application as completely as possible. Please read carefully the “Application Guidance” Section prior to starting the application.

If you have any questions regarding the application, please contact Grants Chairman, Richard Smoot, at [smootrichard90@gmail.com](mailto:smootrichard90@gmail.com).

All applications must be received by the Grants Chairman by August 15, 2026, via email or mail (postmarked by the deadline date) in order to be considered.

## **A. Application Guidance**

1. The Order of the Southern Cross requires that any organization receiving a grant be an IRS §501(c)(3) tax-exempt entity. If you do not meet this requirement, please contact the Grants Chairman prior to submitting this application.
2. Projects funded by the Order of the Southern Cross are typically related directly to the preservation and/or restoration of Southern Heritage artifacts, physical structures and locations. Examples include military and personal artifacts and letters, permanent structures and locations such as homes, monuments, cemeteries, battlefields, historical/interpretative signs, etc... If you have questions regarding whether your project would be considered, please contact the Grants Chairman.
3. The goal of the Order of the Southern Cross's Grant Program is to help organizations to complete their projects. Therefore, we typically require organizations to have collected 50% of the required funds for project completion prior to our providing funds. This is not all inclusive and exceptions are made, so if you feel that your project should be considered even though the funding levels defined in this section have not been met, please contact the Grants Chairman to discuss prior to submitting an application.
4. Please type/insert your information only in the text boxes provided for each question. Do not alter the formatting of the application.
5. Please define clearly the project in which you are requesting funding in the space provided. If you would like to attach additional information, please limit the additional information to a maximum of '3' pages. Use the space provided in the application first, before attaching additional documents.
6. Submissions can be sent either by mail or email. If your submission is via email, please submit the application with the supporting information as '1' document in .pdf format. Submissions by mail must be postmarked by the deadline date, email submissions must be received by the end of day on the deadline date. Confirmation of receipt (mail or email) will be sent to the applicant. If you do not receive notification of receipt, please contact the Grants Chairman.
7. If you receive a grant from us, you are required to submit a report on the use of any funds provided and a photo of the completed project NLT July 1st of the year following the issuance of the grant.
8. The Order of the Southern Cross must receive recognition/credit for the contribution of the funds to the project; this can take the form of signage, printed credits in a publication, etc. Please note clearly in Section B, Item 7, how that will be accomplished.

Please contact the Grants Chairman if you have any questions regarding these guidelines or the application process in general.

**B. Applicant Information**

1. Please provide the a.) name, b.) address, and c.) Employer Identification Number (EIN) or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) of the organization requesting financial support as it appears in the organization's IRS tax exempt determination letter?\*

(Please also provide address where grant check should be sent if different)

EIN/TIN: _____
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2. Please explain the purpose of your organization.

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3. Please provide the name and a basic description of the project for which you are requesting financial support. (**Project detail to be provided under Section C, Item 1**)

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4. Please list the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the organization's main contact person(s), please list no more than (2):

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\* The name as it appears as it appears in the IRS tax-exempt determination letter. Verification of tax-exempt status may be required.

### **C. Financial Request**

1. Please provide the description of your project in detail in the space below. (Attach any photos or diagrams that depict the project which may be helpful to the committee – this is encouraged.) Please limit additional documentation to a maximum of 3 pages.

2. What is the estimated total cost to bring this project to completion?

3. Have other organizations been solicited for financial support? If so, how much money has already been raised toward the funding of this project?

4. How much money has already been spent on this project?

5. How much money are you requesting from the Order of the Southern Cross?

6. Please provide the approximate date when you expect this project to be completed.

7. Please explain how the Order of the Southern Cross will receive recognition for providing funding to this project.

8. How did you learn about the Order of the Southern Cross?

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Signature of Applicant's Representative

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Print Name

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Title

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Date

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Email Address

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Phone Number

**Submittal Deadline: August 15, 2025**

**Mail completed application or questions to:**

Richard Smoot  
Chairman, Grants Committee  
The Society of the Order of the Southern Cross  
733 W 3rd Avenue, Corsicana, Texas 75110  
**or email to: [respln@flash.net](mailto:respln@flash.net)**