Benefits of RSO Status*

Recognizing service organizations is a mutually beneficial process. RSOs are valued partners of the LCMS, and the services RSOs provide in their communities are viewed as an extension of the Synod's mission and ministry. RSOs also benefit from recognition by the Synod. Such benefits include:

- Eligibility of ordained and commissioned ministers of the Synod called by RSOs to remain on the active membership roster of the Synod.
- Eligibility to apply for loans from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF).
- Eligibility to participate in the various insurance and other worker benefits options offered by LCMS Concordia Plan Services.
- Eligibility to participate in gift planning and trust services offered by the LCMS Foundation.
- Eligibility to receive restricted funds raised by the Synod or its agencies.
- Eligibility to participate in the LCMS Group Purchasing Agreement program.
- Eligibility to apply for grants from Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML).
- Public identification with the Synod and its agencies, including the use of the Synod's logo.

Note: Ability to participate in LCMS benefit programs is subject to all LCMS bylaws and policies.

* Subject to change without notice.

*If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the **LCMS Office of the Secretary** at 800-248-1930.*