

# Gratitude Grant Special Circumstances



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## Lodge Mergers

Gratitude Grant applications that are submitted prior to a Lodge merger will be treated as separate projects. Otherwise, if one of the Lodges has submitted an application and the other hasn't, the latter opportunity will be lost to the merge.

In addition, be aware that merges change the April 1 membership total for the surviving Lodge. That can affect per-member-giving goal achievement for the current year, which, in turn, can affect Gratitude Grant eligibility the following year.

Check Lodge grant history [here](#).

## Dispensation of a New Lodge

To be eligible for a Gratitude Grant in the next fiscal year, a newly formed Lodge must meet or exceed the per-member-giving goal during the fiscal year in which it is instituted, based on the Lodge's membership at the time of institution. For example, the Chicago Lodge No. 9005 is established June 1, 2021. The Lodge meets or exceeds the per-member-goal for giving to the Foundation by March 31, 2022, and will be eligible for a Gratitude Grant in FY2023. Note that per-member giving will be calculated by the ENF office after the fiscal year closes.

For more information on the Gratitude Grant, click [here](#).

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