

North Pacific Union Conference

Spark Tank Guidelines

THE GOAL: To empower young adults to develop new and innovative approaches to compassionately serve or enthusiastically share the incredible Adventist message of hope and wholeness. **All outreach endeavors must have an “On Ramp” opportunity included in proposal. An “on ramp” is an invitation to discover God’s love in His Word through small group Bible Study, church worship service, or evangelistic meetings.**

Maximum Spark Tank award is up to 50% of Project Cost (example: up to \$5,000 award for a \$10,000 project cost). The Remaining 50% of your Project Cost must be funded by your Local church. A total of \$50,000 is set aside for Spark Tank initiatives!

Spark Tank Guidelines:

- **3-member Young Adult Team:** Each team must have a minimum of 2 presenters (maximum of 3)
- **Presentation:** Up to 5-minute video presentation. Teams will prepare and submit a video describing their initiative. All the videos will be reviewed by a panel of young adults and advocates who will then select the best ideas to fund.
- **Organize missional outreach concept for Video presentation:**
 1. When
 2. Where
 3. What
 4. Describe your “On Ramp”
 5. Hoped for Outcomes
- **Complete and submit the following – by September 21, 2026:**
 1. **Spark Tank Application** – save fillable form to your computer. Complete fillable form and resave to your computer
 2. **Link to your Video presentation**
 3. **Project Budget** – 1-page document
 4. **An Email from your Pastor** – stating his support of concept and confirmation that he/she will submit the request to the Church Board for approval, to fund 50% of your project. (If awarded funds, Church Board approval must be submitted by October 31, 2026)

Email the above to:

1. NPUC (velvet.lang@nw.npuc.org)
2. cc: your Conference YA Director (see npuc.org/spark for Conference YA Director email address)

If Awarded Funds, the following must be submitted by October 31, 2026, to velvet.lang@nw.npuc.org:

- **Email from the Pastor with:**
 1. **Church Board Action** – stating the voted action by the church board committing to a minimum of 50% of the project budget, including the dollar amount voted.
 2. **Fund Use Agreement Form** – signed by the Pastor, agreeing that funds will be used for the purpose of the approved project/initiative as stated on the Spark Tank Application, and will be utilized by December of the following year, or returned to the NPUC to empower other young adults.
- **Email from Spark Tank Team Leader with:**
 1. **Spark Tank Report Agreement Form** – signed by the Team Leader, agreeing to share a 3–5-minute video report on how things are going at the following years Spark Tank. A “win” is defined as trying something and learning together. We celebrate engagement!

Funds Disbursement:

- Once the above documentation has been received, NPUC Funds will be sent to the local conference, then the conference will send funds onto the sponsoring local church for project use.