



SOUTHWEST DRYCLEANERS ASSOCIATION

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"Serving the Professional Drycleaners of Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas"

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For immediate release

Drycleaner's Assistance Fund

The Southwest Drycleaners Association (SDA) is working to give direct financial assistance to drycleaners who are reopening their businesses after losses from recent hurricanes.

The purpose of the effort is to help drycleaners pay for some of the initial expenses incurred as they try to restart their businesses, to replace supplies and materials or other immediate needs.

An application for help is available from SDA. The deadline for receipt of these applications is November 30, 2008. After initial screening, the applications will be forwarded to a committee for processing and approval. To ensure fairness, the committee will not have the names or addresses of the applicants.

Please contact SDA toll-free at (888) 732-2567 with any questions.

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APPLICATION

Postmark Date: _____

Application # (to be assigned): _____

COVER SHEET AND APPLICATION FABRICARE FOUNDATION DISASTER RELIEF FUND

Please complete application and return to:
SOUTHWEST DRYCLEANERS ASSOCIATION (SDA)
1800 NE Loop 410, Suite 308
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COVER SHEET DRYCLEANING COMPANY INFORMATION

1. Name of drycleaning company (as registered with the state and D/B/A if applicable.)
2. Name and title of business owner or principal.
3. Physical street address of drycleaning business (prior to natural disasters such as: earthquakes, floods, forest fires, hurricanes, or tornados) and current operating address if operational.
4. Mailing address of drycleaning business prior to natural disasters such as: earthquakes, floods, forest fires, hurricanes, or tornados. What is your current mailing address?
5. Phone number of drycleaning business prior to natural disasters such as: earthquakes, floods, forest fires, hurricanes, or tornados. At what number can you currently be reached?
6. Current E-mail address/fax number of business owner or principal if available.
7. Is your business located in an area that has been designated as a disaster area by the federal government (the IDS or FEMA)? This may be found at:
www.irs.gov or www.fema.gov/news/disasters.fema

I testify that the information included in this application form and questionnaire is true.

Signature of person completing application

Print name

Title:

**INFORMATION REGARDING FABRICARE FOUNDATION
DISASTER RELIEF FUND**

- **Who may apply for a Fabricare Foundation Disaster Relief Fund grant?**

To be eligible to receive a grant, the applicant must be an owner or principal in a drycleaning plant. Any drycleaning company business owner located in a primary disaster relief area by the federal government (the IRS or FEMA) is eligible to apply for a grant. The drycleaning plant must have suffered substantial losses or the potential of long-term business interruption as a direct result of the disaster *and must be planning to continue in business.*

This grant is designed to provide emergency funding for elements that insurance will not cover to assist drycleaners reentry into the economy. It is not for drycleaners who are permanently going out of business.

- **Where should you send the completed application?**

Only mailed applications will be accepted. Applications should be completed and mailed to:

**Southwest Drycleaners Association (SDA)
1800 NE Loop 410, Suite 308
San Antonio, TX 78217**

- **Application Processing**

Applications will be reviewed by an independent committee of drycleaning industry volunteers. Volunteers will review the application independent of the cover sheet identifying the name of the drycleaning business. Drycleaners whose applications are chosen by the committee for further consideration will be asked to verify their application information by agreeing to a verification of need by an allied trades representative from the committee. The Foundation reserves the right to ask for subsequent verification of information.

- **Notification**

Applicants will be notified that their applications have been received. There is no need to call regarding that information. Applicants who are under consideration for the awarding of a grant may be contacted for more specific information regarding their application.

Due to the fact that applications are being handled on an anonymous basis, Fabricare Foundation or SDA will not be able to respond to inquiries about the status of any particular application during the screening process.

- **Answering Questions on the application**

Answer the questions to the best of your ability providing as much factual detail as you think would be helpful to the committee.

NOTE: Grants will be distributed based on amount of funds available. There will be a dollar limitation placed on the amount of grants awarded.

**FABRICARE FOUNDATION DISASTER RELIEF FUND
APPLICATION**

- 1. Give a brief description of your type of drycleaning business.**
- 2. Do you plan to reopen your business? If so, do you plan to move or continue to operate in your current location?**
- 3. What is the estimate of your business' losses? Is this a self-assessment or is it from an insurance adjuster?**
- 4. How much of your business' losses are covered by insurance?**
- 5. What are the critical needs that must be met to reopen your business and how much do you estimate it will cost to meet those needs?**
- 6. Have you applied for or been granted any other form of disaster relief?**
- 7. If you receive a grant from the Fabricare Foundation Disaster Relief Fund, how will you use it to resume operations if you are not currently operating? How long will it take for your drycleaning business to become fully functional?**
- 8. If you are currently operating, how will you use grant funds to support the quick and full restoration (bring back up to prior levels of activity) of your drycleaning business?**

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