

# Benefits of RSO Status\*

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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 a profound extension of the LCMS' mission and ministry. Being recognized by the Synod as an RSO also benefits these service organizations. Among those benefits are the following:

- Ordained and commissioned ministers of the Synod called by RSOs are eligible to remain on the active membership roster of the Synod.
- Eligibility to receive 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 boards, commissions, or agencies.
- Public identification with the Synod and its agencies, including the use of the Synod's logo.
- Eligibility to participate in the LCMS Group Purchasing Agreement program.
- Eligibility to apply for grants from Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML).

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

\* Subject to change without notice.