



Education Grant 2023 Guidelines and Criteria

Who Can Apply? The Diocese of Erie (Departments); Catholic Parishes and Catholic Schools in the diocese

Grants are available for funding towards religious education projects and ministry training/spiritual formation opportunities that benefit people within the 13 counties of the Diocese of Erie. Projects must fit at least one of the following four categories:

- 🔥 Diocesan-wide scholarship and tuition-assistance programs (applicants limited to the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Erie)
- 🔥 Religious education and faith formation projects
- 🔥 Technology for parish faith formation programs and for Catholic schools
Note: Two (2) bids/proposals are required when applying for technology funding **in excess of \$5,000.**
- 🔥 Lay ministry education, training and worship formation including education toward obtaining professional ministry certifications, attending workshops, conferences, and spiritual formation opportunities.

Priority is given to:

- 🔥 Projects that reach a wide audience or are collaborative across parishes or schools
- 🔥 Projects with multiple funding sources and/or demonstrate sustainability when funding ends
- 🔥 New or creative projects
- 🔥 Projects that are compatible with diocesan priorities

The maximum grant amount is \$20,000. (Excluding diocesan-wide scholarship and tuition assistance programs)

2023 Spring Education Grant Cycle



2023 Fall Education Grant Cycle



Requirements

- 🔥 Pastor, school principal/president, or diocesan department supervisor must be aware of the grant request and give their approval by signing the project endorsement form included in the application.
- 🔥 Funds are released to the parish, school or diocese only with a signed grant agreement on file at the Foundation.
- 🔥 A follow up grant report from the grantee is required for every grant awarded by the Foundation.

Funding will not be considered for:

- 🔥 Existing staff salaries
- 🔥 Emergency grants, Capital campaigns/projects
- 🔥 Funding a multi-year advanced degree program
- 🔥 Individuals not affiliated with a parish, school, or department of the Diocese of Erie
- 🔥 Faith formation/education projects not affiliated with a parish, school, or department of the Diocese of Erie
- 🔥 Anything completed, purchased, or accomplished prior to date grants are awarded
- 🔥 Individual tuition assistance

***This is not an exhaustive list. Catholic Foundation staff, grant committee, and Board of Directors will determine inclusions and exclusions.*

How to Apply

Applications are accepted online through the Catholic Foundation website: www.MyCatholicFoundation.org.

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