



Faith In Our Future Trust

Grants Guide

About the Faith In Our Future Trust

The Faith In Our Future Trust was established in 2007 to administer the donor contributions given for Catholic Education and Faith Formation initiatives during the Faith In Our Future Campaign. The Trust is a legal entity and separate from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The Trust is headed by a Board of Trustees with fiduciary responsibility for the administration of the Trust. The endowed assets of the Faith In Our Future Trust currently are managed under a contract with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Catholic Community Foundation, a separate entity.

The Trust currently consists of seven funds, each with a specific purpose and subject to restrictions on the use of the fund.

Before applying for a grant, please read the fund descriptions in order to ensure that your grant application will meet the necessary requirements for the fund you select.

General Eligibility

Organization Type

Eligibility for grants varies for each fund, but in general the following criteria apply to organizations submitting applications to any of the funds:

Parishes: Must be in a sound financial position and have a track record of good stewardship. For example, a parish should not be experiencing budget deficit issues. Other considerations may include outstanding debt obligations and the parish's active participation in the initiatives of the Church in Southeastern Wisconsin.

Schools: Must be recognized as Catholic by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Elementary schools must be fully accredited by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Association, and secondary schools must be in good standing with their accrediting agency. Schools with declining enrollment are eligible to apply for a grant but must include an enrollment plan with the grant application package.

If the school is a parish school, the parish must meet the parish criteria.



Other Organizations: Must be recognized as a Catholic organization in The Official Catholic Directory, and must be in a sound financial position.

Types of Awards

Grants will not be awarded to support ongoing operating salaries, fund endowments, or, in most cases, capital building projects. Operating grants will be considered for programs which can demonstrate they are increasing their scope, reach, or impact, or are undertaking innovative initiatives.

Individual Fund Eligibility

In addition to the general eligibility requirements noted previously, there are specific restrictions which apply to each individual fund.

Endowed Funds

Leaders of the Future Endowment Fund

An endowment fund established to support the formation of seminarians and permanent deacons and to train lay ministers who will serve within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Eligible to apply: St. Francis de Sales Seminary and the John Paul II Center of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Community Faith Building Fund

An endowment fund established to provide support for parish religious education programs.

Eligible to apply: Parishes within the 10 counties of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. A typical grant guideline would be up to \$10,000 for a specific request.

Catholic School Champions Endowment Fund

An endowment fund established to provide scholarships for Catholic school students with financial need.

Elementary schools are eligible to apply for a scholarship of up to \$1000. If approved, the grant is paid to the school to be applied to the account of the specified student.

Secondary schools receive a grant based on the stated cost of tuition and fees. There is one award per student grade, with the intent that an award will be renewable each year so that the award can follow the student through their enrollment at the school. Recipients are selected by the school and grants are paid to the school.



Schools are asked to pay particular attention to families who may be facing financial hardship to the point that they may be considering withdrawing children from the school, or to families who may believe financial considerations will preclude enrollment in a Catholic school.

The Bishop Richard Sklba Endowment Fund for Biblical Studies

An endowment fund established to support the developing and deepening of biblical knowledge and spirituality among the clergy and laity of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. It excludes individual scholarships for advanced academic degrees, or associate or certificate programs.

Non-Endowed Funds

Centers of Excellence Fund

Support for Centers of Excellence projects which seek to renew the quality of Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee as well as to develop innovative initiatives which demonstrate the principles of the Centers of Excellence.

Eligibility for funding: Projects or programs which support or advance initiatives of the Centers of Excellence: Leadership, Product, Investment, Community, and Infrastructure.

Living Our Faith Fund

Support for growth and expansion of Adult Faith Formation and Campus Ministry programs within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Eligibility for funding: Campus Ministry programs at colleges and universities within the 10-county area of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and Adult Faith Formation and Respect Life programs seeking seed money to initiate or expand projects.

Global Faith and Education Fund

Support for opportunities for the faithful in Southeastern Wisconsin to participate in strengthening Catholic education and Faith Formation in the global Church.

Eligibility for funding: Projects from the Holy See, Bishops of other Diocese, or institutions of Catholic educational or charitable outreach which are consistent with the case statement of the Faith In Our Future campaign.