



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 to support 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 makes grants from five funds. Each fund has a specific purpose and is subject to restrictions on the use of the fund.

Before applying for a grant, please review 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. A parish school is subject to 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 a general capital campaign. Operating grants will be considered for programs which can demonstrate they are increasing their scope, reach, or impact, or are undertaking innovative initiatives. Grants which are awarded are Restricted Grants. The Restrictions and Conditions of a grant are set out in a Grant Award Letter to the Grantee.

Individual Fund Eligibility

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, with a particular focus on curriculum enhancement and innovative programming.

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 for a specific academic year. 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.



Non-Endowed Funds

Living Our Faith Fund

This fund is restricted to support for Campus Ministry programs at colleges and universities within the 10-county area of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

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 Dioceses, or institutions of Catholic educational or charitable outreach which are consistent with the case statement of the Faith In Our Future campaign.

Centers of Excellence Fund

Grants from this Fund supported numerous programs to advance Catholic education. The Fund was intended to provide grants during a limited life span. Having fulfilled that goal, the Fund has been closed to additional applications.

Questions and Grant Application Submissions

The Grant Application Form includes a checklist of required attachments and is available through a link on this website.

For questions, or to submit a grant application, contact John Marek, Director of Administration for the Trust at john.marek@faithinourfuture.org

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