

# 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 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.

Grant applications are accepted for 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 read the fund descriptions to ensure that your grant application will meet the necessary requirements for the fund you select.

### *General Eligibility*

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 have a sound financial position with 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 Grant 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. All grants are made subject to Restrictions and Conditions which 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**

### **Catholic School Champions Endowment Fund**

An endowed fund providing annual scholarships for Catholic school students with financial need.

Elementary schools are eligible to apply for a scholarship of up to \$1,000 each school year. If approved, the grant is paid to the school to be applied to the account of the specified student.

Secondary schools receive an annual grant based on the stated cost of tuition and fees. The grant funds four scholarships - one scholarship per student grade, with the intent that a scholarship will be renewed each year so that the scholarship can follow the student through their enrollment at the school. Recipients are selected by the school and grants are paid to the school.

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

## **Leaders of the Future Endowment Fund**

An endowed fund supporting the formation of seminarians and permanent deacons and the training of lay ministers who will serve within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Eligible to apply: St. Francis de Sales Seminary and the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

## **Community Faith Building Fund**

An endowed fund supporting parish religious education programs, with a particular focus on curriculum enhancement and innovative programming. A typical grant guideline is up to \$10,000 for a specific request.

Eligible to apply: Parishes within the 10 counties of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and Offices of the Archdiocese providing programs aligned with the purpose of the Fund.

## **Non-Endowed Funds**

### **Living Our Faith Fund**

Open to Grant applications to support growth and expansion of Campus Ministry programs within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

### **Global Faith and Education Fund**

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

Grants from the Fund supported projects of institutions of Catholic educational or charitable outreach for purposes consistent with the case statement of the Faith In Our Future campaign. Having fulfilled that goal, the Fund is closed to new applications.

## **Centers of Excellence Fund**

Grants from the Centers of Excellence Fund supported numerous projects to advance Catholic education at schools within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Having fulfilled that goal, the Fund is closed to new applications.

### **Questions and Submitting Grant Applications**

The Grant Application must include these attachments:

- Budget for the proposed project, including Revenues and Expenses
- Organization's income and expenses statement for the current year
- Organization's income and expenses statement for the prior year
- List of Leaders (For a parish, members of the Pastoral Council. For other organizations, members of the Board of Directors.)

For questions, or to submit a Grant Application, please contact John Marek, the Trust's Director of Administration, at

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