



Education Grant

2026 Guidelines and Criteria

Who Can Apply? The Diocese of Erie (Offices); 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:

- flammable Religious education and faith formation projects
- flammable 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**.

- flammable 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:

- flammable Projects that reach a wide audience or are collaborative across parishes or schools.
- flammable Projects with multiple funding sources and/or demonstrate sustainability when funding ends.
- flammable Organizations who have not received an Education grant in the last funding cycle.
- flammable Projects that are compatible with diocesan priorities.

The minimum grant award is \$500. The maximum grant award for projects involving one organization is \$15,000. The maximum grant award for projects involving more than one organization is \$20,000.

2026 Spring Education Grant Cycle



2026 Fall Education Grant Cycle



Requirements

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

Funding Exclusions**

- flammable Existing staff salaries
- flammable Emergency grants, Capital campaigns/projects
- flammable Funding a multi-year advanced degree program
- flammable Individuals
- flammable Projects not affiliated with a parish, school, or office of the Diocese of Erie
- flammable Anything completed, purchased, or accomplished prior to date grants are awarded
- flammable 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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