

Diocese of Sioux City Catholic Lay Apostolate Scholarship



And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ
Ephesians 4: 11-12

Applications are received all year
If possible, please submit application 90 days before funding is needed

About the Catholic Lay Apostolate Scholarship

The Diocese of Sioux City offers scholarships to assist in the financing of the education, formation, and spiritual formation of the laity in service to the parishes and apostolates within the Diocese of Sioux City. While this funding is available through the Diocesan Offices, parishes are also expected to contribute toward the cost of further education.

Scholarship Use

Academic scholarships **will not exceed one-half the cost of tuition** (excluding books and fees) and are **not given for course work that has already been completed**. Funding is renewable, but must be requested for each course. To be considered for renewed funding, recipients must forward a grade report from previous work and have received at least a "C" in the course work.

Scholarships are also available for other continuing education opportunities, such as conferences, workshops, and certification programs. Up to one-half of the registration fees will be considered for financial assistance (excluding mileage and travel costs.)

Scholarships will only go toward the funding of education, conferences, workshops, and certification programs that are authentically Catholic in nature. Any education, conference, workshop, or program that reduces or is contrary to the Catholic Church's teachings or spiritual practices will not be funded.

Scholarship Eligibility and Commitment to Service

To be eligible for the Catholic Lay Apostolate Scholarship, the applicant must be a lay person, practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church, registered parishioner in the Diocese of Sioux City, and is currently or has a desire to be in the service to the parishes and/or an apostolate within the Diocese of Sioux City.

The recipient of the Catholic Lay Apostolate Scholarship makes a commitment to serve in the Diocese of Sioux City for a specified period of time, for an academic degree a three year commitment of service after completion of degree work and all other areas require one year of service. The scholarship does not need to be paid back if the commitment of service is not fulfilled for valid reasons.

Apply for the Scholarship

Funds for the Catholic Lay Apostolate Scholarship are limited. If you have been awarded funds and decide not to take a course or attend a program, please notify the Diocesan Offices immediately so that the funds may be redistributed. Invoices for tuition and/or registration forms must be submitted for payment. **The funds will be paid directly to the institution.**

Responsibility for the allocation of funds and the ongoing evaluation of recipients will rest with the Diocesan Office of New Evangelization, Catechesis and Family Life in consultation with the Bishop. Persons will receive written notification following the Diocesan Office review. **The review committee reserves the right to offer a full scholarship for any class or program.**

Upon completion of the course or program, the recipient of the scholarship will forward to the Diocesan Offices a certification of completion or transcript showing a completion of the course. If the course or program was not completed and the funds were distributed, the scholarship recipient is responsible for full reimbursement. **The maximum a person seeking funding can receive per one year is \$750 and a lifetime maximum of \$2500.**

For More Information

For more information contact Fred Shellabarger at 712.233.7532 or freds@sdiocese.org.

Application for the Catholic Lay Apostolate Scholarship

Personal Information

Name _____
Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____
Parish _____ Parish City _____
High School _____ Graduation Date _____
College _____ Graduation Date _____

Funding Information

Explain your funding request (describe the program or event including date and location) _____

List the total cost of event or program

Registration Fee or Tuition	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
Travel Expenses	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
Books	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____

Funding amount sought is \$ _____ Date funding is needed _____ / _____ / _____

Institution or organization sponsoring the event or program _____

Address of institution or organization _____

Other sources of financial support (parish, parish organizations, personal etc.) _____

References

A present or former pastor, supervisor, or colleague in ministry

Name _____ Relationship _____
Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Phone number _____ Email address _____

A personal reference (not a diocesan staff member)

Name _____ Relationship _____
Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Phone number _____ Email address _____

Lay Apostolate Information

What is your current parish involvement?

Why should you be involved in this event or program? How does it relate to evangelization and catechesis?

How do you intend to incorporate what you will learn from program or event into your parish involvement?

Have you received a Catholic Lay Apostolate Scholarship (formerly Empowerment Funding) the in past? If so, please explain how it has helped you to evangelize and catechize.

Supplementary Records Needed

Please include the following with your application:

Course or degree information from the college and a transcript of previous course work (if received past scholarships)

Or

Registration documentation from the sponsoring organization (fliers, registration forms, etc)

In making this application, I recognize my responsibility to serve in the Diocese of Sioux City as outlined in the brochure.

Signature

Date

Send to:

Diocese of Sioux City
Lay Apostolate Scholarship
Attn: Fred Shellabarger
PO Box 3379
Sioux City, IA 51102



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Has the applicant turned in the following:

- Course or degree information
- Registration Documentation
- Completed Application
- Approved Date _____

Amount _____