

Msgr. Joseph Mancuso Catholic Education Grant Program

Providing a strong Catholic education for our youth has always been a priority of the Missouri State Knights of Columbus. Beginning in 1984, Msgr. Joseph Mancuso spearheaded a drive to establish a \$1,000,000 Trust Fund to support and fund Catholic



education programs around the state. Since 1990 interest earned from this fund has provided over \$700,000 in grants to Catholic schools and parish-based religious programs. During the 2020-2021 fraternal year, in spite of a pandemic, this program was again able to provide grants totaling \$50,000 to almost 100 education programs throughout the four dioceses and archdiocese in Missouri.

Catholic schools, which include pre-schools, parochial schools and high schools along with K-12 religious education programs can apply for either a \$500 or \$1000 grant. Application forms are available on the state council website under the forms section and are due, no latter then **March 1st – no late forms will be accepted**. While electronic submissions are highly preferred, if you have issues with the online form please contact Father Weber. Please follow the criteria precisely.

Grant Criteria when submitting your application.

- Deals with a specifically Catholic dimension of education which is in conformity with the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.
- Would affect a high percentage of the potential number of students enrolled or other persons involved.
- Shows promise of continuing after the initial funding is expended.
- Does not merely replace what is an expected service but offers an improved dimension (supplements basic programs, does not supplant, or initiates a needed program).
- Could be replicated in other Catholic educational settings.
- Show clearly the basis of need for this project.
- Show clearly the inability of the local setting to meet this need.
- Would be implemented by personnel with appropriate background and expertise.
- Is accompanied by a budget which meets requirements and includes no request for overhead expenses unless it is a new project.
- Offers matching effort (not necessarily financial) on the local level to the extent possible.

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