

Msgr. Joseph Mancuso Catholic Education Grant Program

Providing strong Catholic Education programs for our youth has always been a priority of the Knights. In 1984, Monsignor Joseph Mancuso spearheaded a drive to raise money to establish a \$1,000,000 trust fund for Catholic Education programs. Beginning in 1990, interest earned from this fund has been used to provide grants totaling \$574,800 to 265 different Catholic Schools and Parish-based Religious Education programs.

Catholic Schools (Pre-Schools, Parochial Schools, and High Schools) and Religious Education programs (K-12) apply for either a \$500 or \$1,000 grant. Application forms are available on the State Council's website as follows:

- Go to <http://www.mokofc.org>
- At the bottom off the home page, click on State Council Forms
- Fill out the form under the **CATHOLIC EDUCATION GRANT INFORMATION** section *(If you have problems downloading the application, please call Father Weber.)*

Completed applications be emailed, using the online form, sent via postal mail, or faxed and are due by **March 1st, 2017**. **(Electronic submissions are preferred and recommended!)**

Grant recipients will be announced at the State convention .Funds will be distributed the end of the 2017 School year. In the 2015-2016 fraternal year, 20 \$1,000 grants and 60 \$500 grants were awarded.

Please encourage your Catholic School and/or Religious Education program to submit an application this year!

To support the administrative costs of this program, you have the opportunity to donate monies in Memorial of a Deceased Knight or Lady. Their name will be posted on the State Memorial Board that is displayed at the State Convention and District Deputy meetings. Send your memorial donations to Clarence "Book" Lawrence.

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Grant Criteria

- 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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