

Scholarships for Christian Leadership Formation



Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand. Isaiah 64:8

Empowerment Funds

All leadership in the Church is rooted in the baptismal call of Jesus. Quality leadership is a vital component to ministry; it is imperative that the Catholic Church effectively animates the formation of ministerial leadership. Through Partners in Empowering Leadership the Diocese of Sioux City provides financial assistance for those in Christian Leadership.

Applications are received all year

*Scholarship Committee meets February, May, August, and November
If possible, please submit application 90 days before funding is needed*

About Empowerment Funds

The Diocese of Sioux City offers Partners in Empowering Leadership. Funds are available to assist in the financing of the education, formation, and spiritual development of women and men in ministerial service to the parishes/clusters of the Diocese of Sioux City. While this funding is available through the Diocesan Offices, parishes/clusters are also expected to contribute toward the cost of further education.

Use of Empowerment Funds

Academic Needs

Academic grants do not exceed one-half the cost of tuition 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.

Continuing Education

Grants 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.

Workshops

Financial Assistance is available for workshops that enhance the leadership and ministry of those who service parishes/clusters in the Diocese of Sioux City. Up to one-half of the registration fees will be considered for financial assistance.

Conferences

National, regional, and local conferences can be supported by Empowerment Funds. The conferences must be approved (through the application process) and be immediately beneficial to the ministry of the individual. Up to one-half of the registration fees will be considered for financial assistance.

Church Ministries

The Church Ministries Program is considered foundational for those beginning theological formation. For more information about this program, contact Sandi at 712.223.7530 or SandiW@sdiocese.org.

Use of Empowerment Funds

To be eligible for financial assistance from Partners in Empowering Leadership, the applicant must be among the laity, a practicing Catholic, and serving a parish/parish cluster.

Anyone receiving funds makes a commitment to serve in the Diocese for a specified period of time. The Degree Program requires a three year commitment of service after completion of degree work. All other areas require one year of service.

Apply for Financial Assistance

Funds for Partners in Empowering Leadership are limited. If you have been awarded funds and decide not to take a course, please notify the Diocese immediately so that the funds may be redistributed. Invoices for tuition and/or registration forms must be submitted for payment.

Responsibility for the allocation of funds and the ongoing evaluation of recipients will rest with the Diocesan Partners in Empowering Leadership Committee for review. Persons will receive written notification following committee review.

For More Information

For more information about Partners in Empowering Leadership, contact the Committee Chair, Sean, at 712.233.7516 or SeanM@sdiocese.org.

Application for Empowerment Funds

Personal Information

Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

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 fees, tuition, travel, 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 _____

Ministry Information

What is your current parish ministry?

Why should you be involved in this event or program and how does it relate to your ministry?

How do you intend to incorporate your experience of the program or event into your parish ministry?

Describe your past involvement in ministry.

Have you received Empowerment Funding the in past? If so, please explain how it has helped your ministry.

Explain your educational life experiences that added to your formation (pilgrimages, retreats, workshops).

Supplementary Records Needed

Please include the following with your application:

- Course or degree information from the college and a transcript of previous course work
- 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
Empowerment Funds
Attn: Jessica La Fleur
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 _____