



Diaconal Formation Grants FAQs

Who is eligible for the Diaconal Formation Grants?

Postulants and candidates for the diaconate who meet the income criteria are eligible for Diaconal Formation Grants. The income criteria are:

- Household of 1 or 2 people: Annual taxable income of no more than \$50,000.
- Household of 3 or more people: Annual taxable income of no more than \$65,000.

How does a postulant or candidate for the diaconate apply for a Diaconal Formation Grant?

Submit the Diaconal Formation Grant Application, a copy of the 1040 Income Tax Form, and a copy of the bishop's acceptance letter for postulancy or candidacy for the diaconate.

How much is the grant?

An approved grantee will receive up to \$1,500 each year, renewable while they are eligible.

How does a grantee funds obtain their funds once approved?

When an application is approved, the grantee will receive a payment form with guidance about completing the form. Grantees may request reimbursements, payments directly to the Formation program or Diocese, or both.

Can the Fund make tuition and fee payments directly to the Diaconal Formation Program or Diocese?

Yes. Grantees requesting this type of payment must provide an invoice, payment address, and contact information.

What types of expenses are eligible for payment or reimbursement under this grant?

Eligible expenses include Diaconal Formation program tuition, books, and fees for the required Psychological Exam, Clinical Pastoral Education, and Diaconal Formation Workshops. Grant funds may also be used for travel and lodging for Diaconal Formation Programs, related childcare, eldercare, or partner care expense.

Do grantees need to reapply each year?

Grantees will reapply and provide the required documents each year to verify their eligibility.

What is the deadline to apply?

Applications will be accepted at any time. The Formation Grants Committee will meet monthly to review applications

Does the Fund provide grants for continuing education for deacons or provide funds to carry out diaconal ministries?

The Fund for the Diaconate does not provide grants to deacons for continuing education or for implementation of diaconal ministries.