

CATHOLIC EDUCATION TRUST FUND Q & A

Diocese of Baton Rouge



What is it?

- The Catholic Education Trust Fund was established in 2000 through the generosity of the *Campaign for Tomorrow*.

What are the priorities of the Fund?

- For situations involving areas of ministry that are under-resourced, it serves initiatives which have a specific pastoral-catechetical plan with identified goals for the intended beneficiaries

Who is eligible?

- The grant funding is awarded to parishes and approved Church ministries and apostolates.
- The funds are divided between the schools and the parishes.
 - The *Catholic Schools Office* is responsible for distribution of funds for schools
 - The *Office of Evangelization & Catechesis* is responsible for the distribution of funds to
 - Catholic parishes and approved ministries.

What is the Criteria?

- The CETF was created to EDUCATE, ENRICH, EMPOWER and ENGAGE with these objectives in mind:
 - Compatibility with the overall objectives of the Catholic Education Trust Fund
 - Feasibility in terms of leadership and plan
 - Significance in terms of importance of the issue being addressed
 - The project/proposal's potential success
 - This Trust Fund will not fund general debt reduction;

What are the objectives?

- *SALARIES*: To assist Parish Schools of Religion in the Diocese of Baton Rouge to maintain equitable salaries;
- *DEVELOPMENT*: To enable Parish Schools of Religion in the Diocese of Baton Rouge to provide adequate in-service and professional development for their staff
- *LAITY FORMATION*: To provide religious education opportunities for the increasing number of laity now serving formation ministries
- *PROGRAMS*: To assist Catholic Parish Schools of Religion and Catechetical programs in the Diocese of Baton Rouge to initiate special/ creative/innovative programs;



Who completes the application for our parish/approved ministry?

- Directors of Religions Education and Directors of approved Apostolates should apply in consultation with their pastor or chaplain.

How can I apply?

- Applications are available online at <https://evangcatbr.org/cetf/>
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When is my application due?

- DEADLINE for application is Wednesday, April 15, 2020

What do I include with the completed Application?

- *Letter of Support* signed by the Pastor or Chaplain

Where do I mail the application?

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When will I receive notification regarding the award decision?

- Notifications will be sent no later than May 25, 2020

If awarded, when will funds be distributed?

- The funds will be distributed by July 30, 2020
- Direct Deposits are processed by the Diocesan Accounting Office to the receiving parish's bank account or via check sent through U.S. Mail.

More Questions?

- If you have other questions or need further clarification, please contact Dina Dow at (225)242-0141 or via E-Mail: ddow@diobr.org