

## Who is Eligible?

To be eligible for the grant, a candidate must meet the following requirements:

- Be an active Catholic in good standing.
- Live in the Archdiocese of Dubuque.
- Be recommended by his/her pastor for participation in the grant program, in the form of a letter to the Archdiocesan Leadership Development/ Pastoral Planning Office and the Catholic college where enrolled.
- Be accepted into a degree program in Religious Studies in one of the Catholic colleges in the Archdiocese of Dubuque.
- Agree to serve three years of significant service (paid or unpaid, full-time or part-time) in a parish in the Archdiocese of Dubuque.
- Agree to repay the grant if three years of service are not given.

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### Qualifying Institutions:

#### Clarke University

1550 Clarke Drive  
Dubuque, IA 52001  
Phone: (800) 383-2345  
Email: [admissions@clarke.edu](mailto:admissions@clarke.edu)  
Web: [www.clarke.edu](http://www.clarke.edu)

#### Loras College

1450 Alta Vista St  
Dubuque, IA 52001  
Phone: (800) 245-6727  
Email: [admissions@loras.edu](mailto:admissions@loras.edu)  
Web: [www.loras.edu](http://www.loras.edu)

#### Mount Mercy University

1330 Elmhurst Drive NE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402  
Phone: (800) 248-4504  
Email: [admission@mtmercy.edu](mailto:admission@mtmercy.edu)  
Web: [www.mtmercy.edu](http://www.mtmercy.edu)

## Religious Studies Grant Undergraduate Program



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## Explanation

Vatican Council II called for greater involvement of all of God's people in the one ministry of the Church. Since the time of the Council, such lay participation in Church ministries and governance has grown steadily, stimulated to some extent by the increasing shortage of priests.

In 1994, Archbishop Daniel W. Kucera, O.S.B., established a program of financial support for education of eligible persons out of concern for the proper training and formation of lay persons for roles of service.

Funding from the Archdiocese of Dubuque consists of payment for one-third of the tuition per credit hour for major related courses for those candidates who have been approved by their pastors and who have been accepted into the bachelor's degree program in Religious Studies in one of the Catholic colleges in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Parishes are urged, but not required, to actively seek out candidates and to assist them with funding for the remaining two-thirds of the cost of tuition for courses.

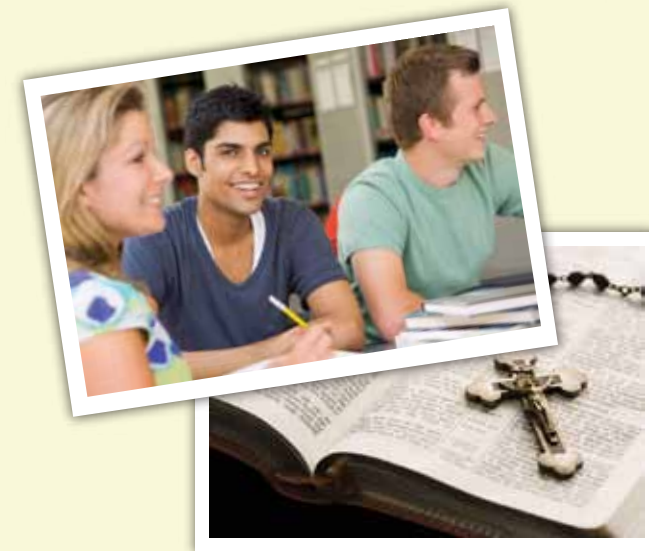
## Application Process

To apply for the grant, a candidate will:

- Enroll in the Catholic college of choice in the Archdiocese of Dubuque.
- Seek admission into a bachelor's degree program in Religious Studies.
- Request a letter of recommendation from his/her pastor or parish life coordinator to be sent to the Archdiocesan Office of Leadership Development and the Religious Studies Department Chair of the college where enrolled.
- Complete an application for the award at the college indicating agreement to three years of parish service following completion of the Religious Studies degree, or to repay the grant to the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

## Payment Info

At the end of each semester the college will submit a request for payment to the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Payment is made directly to the college from the Archdiocese.



## Contact

For further information or assistance contact:

The Archdiocese of Dubuque  
Office of Leadership Development at  
(563) 556-2580 or the college  
Business Office.