

## 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.
- Be accepted into a graduate degree program in Religious Studies at a college approved by 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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OFFICE OF LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

## 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 two-thirds 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 a graduate degree program in Religious Studies approved by the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Parishes are urged, but not required, to actively seek out candidates and to assist them with funding for the remaining one-third of the cost of tuition for courses.

## Application Process

To apply for the grant, a candidate will:

- Enroll in an institution approved by the Archdiocese of Dubuque.
- Seek admission into a Graduate degree program in either Ministry or Theology.
- Request a letter of recommendation from his/her pastor or parish life coordinator to be sent to the Archdiocesan Office of Leadership Development.
- Complete an application for the award 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 student will submit a passing grade report and 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:

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