



Alive in Hope Foundation

Archbishop McEntegart Fund For Catholic Education 2010 Grant Guidelines

Catholic schools continue to bear the great responsibility of nurturing the faith and fostering Christian values in the lives of our children, instilling Gospel values into the hearts of their students, and through them, into their families. Catholic schools in Brooklyn and Queens offer the best in both academic training and religious formation. They offer values for life, inner strength, faith, discipline, academic excellence, and positive values-based learning and social environment. They provide opportunities for our young people to reach their fullest potential, not only as members of the overall community, but also as members of the Church.

With higher test scores, graduation rates, and college acceptance rates, Catholic school students in the Diocese of Brooklyn far surpass their peers in public schools. Remarkably enough, Catholic schools achieve these results at a fraction of the cost per student compared to public schools, while keeping tuition reasonable.

Since its establishment in 1998, the Alive in Hope Foundation has recognized the importance of sustaining Catholic education. The Archbishop Bryan J. McEntegart Fund was created specifically to assist the Catholic education efforts of Catholic elementary schools in Brooklyn and Queens. The fund allows the Foundation to provide direct grants and matching funds to Catholic elementary schools. Through the McEntegart Fund and other Education Endowment Funds, the Foundation has supported Catholic schools and students by funding areas such as:

- Development assistance
- Technology programs
- Professional development
- After-school enrichment and remediation programs
- Teacher recruitment
- Catholic schools marketing and the
- Arts
- Scholarship support

All committed to Catholic education are concerned with the recent trends impacting our schools, specifically enrollment, tuition and operating costs (salaries, health and pension, etc.) This phenomenon has had a significant impact in our community. In these challenging times, the need for Catholic education in the boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens is more urgent than ever before and the Foundation remains strongly committed to providing for the long-term needs of Catholic schools.

The McEntegart Fund renews its purpose to financially support sound, creative, collaborative efforts to keep Catholic Education alive in the Diocese of Brooklyn. In the long term, the fund has the potential to assist every Catholic parochial school in the Diocese. In the interim, the Archbishop Bryan J. McEntegart shares its resources with as many schools as possible.



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2010 Grant Information and Policies

The Archbishop Bryan J. McEntegart Fund is an endowed fund established through the Alive in Hope Campaign. The Fund was created to support school, cluster, and agency projects and programs that are newly created or to enhance those already in existence.

Please read the following guidelines on the Foundation's funding policy and procedure before preparing your application.

1. Requests for funding should evidence a specific and unique need that the parish/regional school, school clusters, or agency is unable to fund fully.
2. Each year we receive a number of applications for support that collectively surpass the funding available. In an effort to fund as many worthy programs as possible, the McEntegart Fund typically awards grants up to \$10,000.
3. Realizing the needs associated with program implementation, the Foundation does award grants that cover personnel-related costs. However, we do not encourage applications that include a sizable personnel budget.
4. The Foundation gives preference to innovative projects that address larger and long range issues addressing the school.
5. Submissions are especially encouraged from regional schools and for cluster projects. Grant requests from regional schools or for cluster projects that exceed the set cap of \$10,000 will be considered.
6. The Foundation's funding year is September through August. Multi-year funding may be justified in rare cases.
7. All expenses must be completely documented.
8. Proposals submitted by individuals are not accepted. Applications must come directly from the school/parish, school cluster or agency.
9. Applications should be forwarded to The Alive in Hope Foundation Office.
10. The Foundation reserves the right to request site visits to grant recipients.

Deadline: May 7, 2010

Submission Details:

Only fully completed applications will be considered. Please make sure that all components of your application are received by the aforementioned due date.

If paper proposals are submitted, the original grant proposal, **along with 10 copies**, should be sent to the **Alive in Hope Foundation**, 310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, New York 11215.



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2010 Grant Review Process

All applications submitted are reviewed by the Archbishop McEntegart Grant Review Committee.

The Archbishop McEntegart Review Committee convenes to discuss submitted applications and makes funding recommendations to the Alive in Hope Foundation Board. The Foundation's Board of Directors makes final decisions on funding.

The Chief Executive Officer of Alive in Hope Foundation will notify applicants of the Foundation's decision. Grantees will receive important details regarding the Foundation's disbursement policies as part of the correspondence. Disbursement policies must be followed to ensure timely reimbursement.

The following elements are considered in the evaluation of a proposal:

1. The strength of the proposal in regard to educational enhancement, including clarity of purpose, incorporation of current learning/formation methodologies and adequate use of resources.
2. Creativity, innovation, "Out of the Box" thinking that will result in systemic changes benefiting the future of our schools.
3. The clarity, strength, and amount of the budget in relationship to the goals and objectives of the proposal.
4. The existing financial condition of the individual school, cluster of schools, or agency applying for funding.
5. A clear and demonstrated commitment for contributing matching funds and/or in-kind contributions
6. The potential for replication of the program/project elsewhere in the diocese.