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# LAY MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*Guidelines and Application for  
2009-2010*

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The Lay Ministry Scholarship Fund was founded by an anonymous donor and initiated by Bishop William J. Dendinger in 2006.

The Lay Ministry Scholarship Fund is to provide assistance to help in the qualifying formation/training of lay ecclesial ministries in the Diocese of Grand Island.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Funds are available to the following individuals serving in ministries in the Diocese of Grand Island: religious education directors, catechists, youth ministers, liturgists, pastoral care providers and other lay ministers
- Financial need is demonstrated
- Individuals will be working toward a degree, certification, qualification or skill in a theological field or ministry formation program.
- Programs considered eligible include:
  - Catholic college or university theology course
  - A ministry formation program
  - 2 day minimum workshop or institutes
- Applicant intends to continue ministry in the Diocese of Grand Island
- Pastor's letter of recommendation that will verify support of candidate's ministry and formation
- Length of service in the Diocese of Grand Island will be considered
- All three parties including student, parish and diocese contributing to cost is the norm

*Limited scholarship money is available. Persons who are already involved in parish ministry and who have demonstrated a commitment to serving as ecclesial lay ministers will be given priority. Scholarship forms may be requested from the Lay Ministry Office.*

### Application

- A complete application includes:
  - The application form
  - Pastor's letter of recommendation
  - A concise essay about your educational and ministerial goals, and how the program will help you meet those goals
  - Statement of financial need

### Scholarship Committee

- The Lay Ministry Scholarship Committee will meet to review the applications and make recommendations to the Bishop of the Diocese of Grand Island.

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### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Wk Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parish/School at which you are currently ministering \_\_\_\_\_

Position held \_\_\_\_\_

Present status of ministry (check one)      \_\_\_\_\_ Full-time      \_\_\_\_\_ Part-time      \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer

Level of Education Attained \_\_\_\_\_

Length of service in the Diocese of Grand Island \_\_\_\_\_

Name and description of education program for which you are applying \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) attending \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

**In 500 words describe why you are applying for this scholarship. Include a concise essay about your educational and ministerial goals. Explain how the program in which you plan to enroll will help you meet these goals. Describe your financial need. (Attach to this form)**

Cost of this program \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of money in your yearly continuing education budget \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of grants received for this program from other sources \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Parish is willing/able to contribute \_\_\_\_\_

Payee of check if grant is awarded \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: Two People (Non-family)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclose with this form a letter of endorsement from your pastor.**

**Return this form and application materials to:**

Lay Ministry Scholarship Fund  
Michael Davis  
Diocese of Grand Island  
1225 S. Poplar St, Suite 100  
North Platte, NE 69101

**For Diocese of Grand Island Use Only**

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Date the Committee Reviewed \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Recommends \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Bishop Approves \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
The Most Rev. William J. Dendinger

Grant Monies Issued \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Monies not used for the purpose specified above are expected to be returned to the Diocese of Grand Island for use by others.**

**Note:** All information gathered will be kept confidential.