

Religious Sisters' Formation Grant

Background

Beginning in 2015 donations remaining after the Religious Sisters Appreciation Day were put in a separate account designated to be used only for sisters and more specifically for their religious formation. The Board of the Serra Club of Kansas City in KS has agreed to administer the fund and determine which community or congregation will receive funds and the amount.

Purpose

The Religious Sisters' Formation Fund is available to provide a portion of the funds for women entering a religious community. The intent is to assist any woman who wishes to enter religious formation, but who would be seriously challenged without financial assistance. For example, the Serra Club has received requests to assist a woman in paying some of her education debt so she can enter a community and begin her formation. The Grant could also be used for the woman's education and support while in formation.

Eligible Expenses Include:

- Portions of outstanding debt that needs to be paid before a candidate can be accepted into a community.
- Expenses of a candidate entering or preparing to enter a community.
- Expenses for the initial formation and training of a candidate once she has entered a community.
- Expenses for a candidate to travel to and enter the US.
- Expenses for a candidate or sister to attend classes in order to begin a ministry.

Preference will be given to:

- Candidates who are preparing to enter or who have formally entered a Religious Community and who are not just discerning a vocation.
- Candidates in formation who are in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in KS or the Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph, MO and are expected to be assigned to a mission in either of these dioceses.

Limitation

The maximum award per Grant is \$5,000 per candidate per fiscal year.

How to request a Grant

Grant Requests should be made by completing page 2 of this form. After completing the form, please email it to: SerraReg@gmail.com, with a Subject line that reads, "Serra Club Formation Grant Request" or mail to Serra Club, 6501 Outlook Drive, Mission, KS 66202.

