

DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
CLERGY CHILDREN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

A. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The intention of this program is to provide a modest scholarship grant to children of Parochial Clergy and Clergy financially supported by the Diocese thereby removing them from competition with classmates from their Parish who would be applying for Bement-Waterfield Education Grants. Other clergy family children who do not qualify for a grant under the following Eligibility Requirements may apply for a Bement-Waterfield Education Grant.

B. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Clergy who are serving in full-time parochial positions or who are employed full-time by the Diocese and are canonically and physically resident in the Diocese for a period of:
 - a. More than 5 but less than 10 years
 - b. 10 years or more

may apply for a grant of (a) \$500 or (b) \$1,000 respectively per scholastic year for each dependent child either natural-born or legally adopted, who then is or is immediately about to be enrolled and attending full time at secondary school (including high school) or college (including Junior or Community College, School of Nursing)

2. Clergy who are serving a Parish, a Mission or the Diocese part-time may apply for a grant equal to 1/6 of the above stated amounts for each full day per week of such contracted part-time employment at the time of application for each eligible child.
3. Deacons are not eligible for this program. However, time spent as an employed Deacon prior to ordination to the Priesthood will count toward the length of service requirements stated above.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

1. A maximum of eight such grants may be made for any one child, and grants will be disbursed each semester per each scholastic year.
2. East semester, the student must file an application on a form provided by the Diocese. Applications must be submitted prior to the start of each semester.
3. Grant payments will be made directly to the student. Students must submit a copy of the invoice for the related semester with their application in order to receive payments.
4. This program does not give clergy or their eligible children any vested rights or claims for any grants or funds from which such grants may be made. The program may be terminated or amended at any time by the Bishop and Council, or by the withdrawal, discontinuance or decrease of appropriations by the

Trustees for the Diocese of Western Massachusetts to the extent such appropriations support this program.