

2ND ANNUAL INNOVATION & LEADERSHIP GRANT CYCLE

Awarding \$125,000 in 2019

FOUNDATIONS IN EDUCATION PROMOTES EXCELLENCE IN THE DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BY PROVIDING EDUCATORS WITH GRANT OPPORTUNITIES THAT FUND INNOVATION IN CLASSROOM TEACHING AND PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP FORMATION.



"We have faculty with big ideas but there's very little funding available out there for nonprofits to take the risk of piloting new innovative programs. It's important to support these initiatives - to nurture their ideas into fruition."

-Tom McInerney, Board Vice Chair

THE FOUNDATION

Foundations in Education is a non-profit initiative established in 2015 by Bishop Frank J. Caggiano to assist the Diocese of Bridgeport's ongoing mission to support Catholic education in Fairfield County.

MISSION STATEMENT

Foundations in Education is committed to strengthening and transforming the mission of Catholic education in the Diocese of Bridgeport by supporting innovation in academic and extra-curriculum programs, fostering opportunities for the professional development of school leaders in innovation and leadership and providing tuition assistance to families in need.

How does it work?

Donors to Foundations in Education provide the resources for annual competitive grant programs that fund INNOVATION in classroom teaching and provide support for LEADERSHIP formation within Diocese of Bridgeport Catholic Schools. Innovation Grants support educators' creative projects or initiatives that may benefit multiple grade levels and have a long-term impact. Leadership Grants promote professional development and leadership formation.

Who can apply?

Teachers and administrators in Diocesan-sponsored Catholic Elementary, Middle and High Schools in Fairfield County are eligible to apply. Previous grantees must wait one year before being eligible to submit another grant proposal.

How to apply?

Beginning September 15, 2018, complete and submit the online grant application form found on www.foundationsineducation.org. Proposals must be reviewed and approved by School Principals prior to submission. Deadline to submit a grant application is October 31, 2018.

How are awards determined?

A Grants Committee reviews and evaluates each proposal and submits recommendations to the Foundations in Education Board of Trustees for approval. All applicants will be notified by Foundations in Education beginning early January 2019. Awardees will be invited to share their project ideas at an Award Reception on January 31, 2019 at the Discovery Museum in Bridgeport.



Thanks to the generosity of its benefactors, Foundations in Education continues its ongoing commitment to strengthening and transforming Catholic education.