

## 8TH ANNUAL INNOVATION AND LEADERSHIP GRANT CYCLE

APPLICATIONS OPEN SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

FOUNDATIONS IN EDUCATION PROMOTES EXCELLENCE IN DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BY PROVIDING EDUCATORS WITH GRANT OPPORTUNITIES THAT FUND INNOVATION IN CLASSROOM TEACHING AND PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR 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 innovation programs. It is important to support these initiatives - to nurture their ideas into fruition."*

- Tom McInerney, Past Board Chair

### THE FOUNDATION

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

### MISSION STATEMENT

Foundations in Education, Inc is committed to strengthen and transform the mission of Catholic education in the Diocese of Bridgeport by providing tuition assistance to families in need and supporting innovation in academic programs and fostering opportunities for the professional development of school leaders.

### How does it work?

Donors to Foundations in Education provide the resources for an annual competitive innovation and leadership grants program. Innovation grants support educators' creative projects that may benefit multiple grade levels and have a long-term impact on student learning. 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, 2024, complete and submit the online grant application (via Google form) found on [www.foundationsineducation.org](http://www.foundationsineducation.org). Proposals must be reviewed and approved by school principals prior to submission. Deadline to submit a grant application is November 8, 2024 11:59 pm.

### 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. Applicants will be notified in early January 2025 and awardees will be invited to share their project ideas on January 30, 2025 at an awards reception.



*Thanks to the generosity of donors, Foundations in Education is able to strengthen and transform Catholic education in the Diocese of Bridgeport.*