

DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

Bement/Waterfield Educational Grants

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

The purpose of Bement/Waterfield Educational Grants is to help young people who are active in the Episcopal Church to pursue their educational goals after secondary school.

WHERE MAY GRANTS BE USED?

Grants may be used at accredited training and technical institutions as well as for undergraduate study at 2- and 4-year accredited colleges.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Young people who are active members of parishes and missions in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts are eligible to apply for grants. All applicants must have the approval and endorsement of their parish clergy.

HOW DOES ONE APPLY?

Applicants should request forms by writing to the

B/W Educational Grants Committee
Diocese of Western Mass.
37 Chestnut St.

Springfield, MA 01103

OR from the Diocesan Website at www.diocesewma.org and click on the Educational Opportunities tab.

WHEN MAY ONE APPLY?

Applications are available from mid-November through February. The deadline for return of completed applications to the address above is March 1.

In addition, each applicant must have a personal interview with a member of the Grants Committee between April 1 and May 15.

HOW ARE GRANTS AWARDED?

The Committee, consisting of clergy and lay members of the diocese appointed by the bishop, makes the grants in May. Award letters are sent in early June.

WHAT GUIDES THE COMMITTEE'S DECISIONS?

In making the grants, the Committee considers candidates on the basis of their participation in the life of the church and community, financial need, and evidence of energy and initiative.

HOW LARGE ARE THE GRANTS?

Grants are awarded from a limited budget and are generally modest. Grants for the 2012-13 academic year will range from \$500 to \$1500.

In recent years applications have exceeded funds available so it has not been possible to provide grants for all applicants.

WHO HAVE RECEIVED GRANTS?

In the 60+ years that grants have been made, recipients have come from

ALL parishes and missions of the diocese.