

**DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
CLERGY CHILDREN EDUCATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM**

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this program is to provide modest scholarship assistance to children of Diocesan Clergy, who are not eligible for Bement-Waterfield Education Grants that are offered to lay parishioners.

Who is eligible? *The children of clergy who are serving in parochial positions or who are supported by the diocese at least halftime.* Grants are in the amount of \$750 per semester, up to \$1500 annually for each dependent child who is enrolled full-time in college, including junior or community college, nursing school, etc.

Administrative Procedures

- A maximum of 8 such grants may be made for any one child.
- Each 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.
- Grant payments will be made directly to the student. In order to receive payments, *students must submit a copy of the invoice for the related semester along with their application.*

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.