

Tabor and TEC Frequently Asked Questions

What is the history of the Tabor Grant Award Program?

Tabor House operated from 1983 to 1995 as a Consultation Center for clergy, religious and lay ministers. Its primary purpose was to provide counseling to ministers who were experiencing difficulties in carrying out their ministries. The primary objective was to help restore the minister to their ministry, and/or discern the appropriate path. Tabor House operated under a variety auspices throughout its operational life. As of 1994, Tabor House received funds from Catholic Charities and as such had a structural relationship with Charities. In 1994, Tabor House transferred operations through or in coordination with St. Vincent Charity Hospital. In 1996 Tabor House ceased operations due to lack of a client base. In 1997 a Proposal Development Committee was formed to develop the Tabor Fund Grant Award Process.

What is the mission of Tabor Grant Award Program?

“To Strengthen and Enrich People with a commitment to Ministry through promoting their Growth and Well-Being”. The purposes of the Awards were: “To Support Education and Formation initiatives that promote the growth and well-being of ministers. Seminars or conferences may be developed and conducted by a recognized Catholic entity in collaboration with the Office of Continuing Education and Formation of Ministers or in collaboration with other diocesan offices. Collaboration between entities is also encouraged.” and “To make available to individual ministers sabbaticals to provide an opportunity for personal growth and well-being.”

What is the difference between the Tabor and TEC grants?

Tabor Grant are awarded on a semi-annual basis and fund education and formation initiatives, sabbaticals, and retreats for the spiritual growth and well-being of ministers. Application and deadlines are posted on the Catholic Community Foundation’s website, www.catholiccommunity.org/grants.

The Tabor Event Calendar (TEC) program has been established to enable applicants, on a year-round basis, to more easily avail themselves of programs offered through two retreat centers: Jesuit Retreat House in Parma and Loyola of the Lakes in Clinton. Other retreat/wellness centers consistent with the moral and social teaching of the Catholic Church will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Who is eligible to receive Tabor and TEC grants?

Tabor and TEC Applicants must be bona fide employees (paid or volunteer), lay, deacon or religious and work in a recognized ministry actively serving the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Attendant parishes, schools or organizations who are engaged in a recognized ministry are eligible to apply. Ministry is broadly defined and applies to anyone engaged in ministry from deacons, religious orders, pastoral ministers, parish/school staff to ministers of the liturgy.

While deacons cannot receive monies for themselves from a Tabor grant because they have a continuing fund stipulated by the Bishop, they can make use of the Tabor grants for development of programs for groups or ministries with which they work.

How often can qualified applicants apply for TEC grants?

Applicants are limited to one TEC grant every six months, two per calendar year, to attend retreats at the Jesuit Retreat House or Loyola of the Lakes in Clinton.

Do Tabor Grant awards cover travel expenses?

Tabor grants will only fund the travel expenses associated with an incoming guest speaker. All other travel expenses are the responsibility of the applicant.

I would like to organize a group retreat for my school, organization, etc. what category should I apply to?

Group Retreats fall under the Education and Formation Category.

Does the Tabor Fund cover conference fees?

Conference fees have been awarded in the past, but will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Conferences that promote spiritual development will be considered, conferences for professional development will not likely be funded.

Can I apply for a Tabor grant to fund my completion in an educational class?

No. Tabor Fund Grant awards may not be used to complete an educational class, course, curriculum or any requirement for certification/graduation or professional development.

The Tabor Fund Grant Program recognizes the need for those serving the Diocese of Cleveland to continue their ongoing spiritual growth and makes grants for this purpose.