

INTRODUCTION

TABOR FUND GRANT AWARDS PROGRAM

Tabor Fund Grant Program History

The Tabor Fund Grant Program was established to continue the mission of the Tabor House Consultation Center and to be a resource to assist in the serving of the spiritual, physical, emotional and intellectual needs of the employees, religious and laity involved in pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Cleveland.

Grant Application Deadlines

Cycle A – March 15 - Funding decisions will be made in late April

Cycle B – September 15 - Funding decisions will be made in late October

If the deadline falls on a weekend, you have until the following Monday to submit your application.

Award Categories

1. **Education and Formation:** For the support of Education and Formation initiatives that promote the personal growth and well-being of ministers. Seminars or conferences may be developed and conducted by a recognized Catholic entity or group of entities. Collaboration between entities is strongly encouraged. Applications for Group Retreats must apply for the Education and Formation category.
2. **Sabbaticals:** For the support of individual ministers to take sabbaticals that provide an opportunity for spiritual and personal growth and well-being. The period of the Sabbatical must be more than 30 days.
3. **Retreats:** For the support of individual ministers to take time away from ministry to refresh and re-energize the minister in order to continue to improve their ministry. The period of the retreat must be 30 days or less.

The Committee will judge an application for a Tabor Fund Grant Award on how well the application focuses on aiding the minister(s) to refocus, refresh and/or re-energize their spirituality, faith, mind and/or physical well-being, as part of fostering personal development and improving their ministry.

Award Specifications

1. Up to four (4) Awards for Sabbaticals may be made per cycle. The greatest amount of any single Sabbatical Award will be **\$1,500**.
2. Up to three (3) Awards for Retreats may be made per cycle. The greatest amount of any single Retreat Award will be **\$1,000**.
3. The exact number and amount of awards for both Sabbaticals and Retreats will be dependent upon the total number of qualified applications received.
4. Tabor and TEC awards are available to any bona fide employees (paid or volunteer), lay, and religious who work in any recognized ministry within the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland; this includes parishes, religious orders, recognized ministries and offices of the Diocese. While

clergy cannot receive individual awards, they may participate in Education and Formation initiatives.

5. Awards may be made to recognized Catholic organizations or entities.
6. All collaborative initiatives MUST include letters from the heads of all collaborating parties committing to the initiative.
7. In order for applications to be accepted for review, the application must be signed by the religious superior, pastor or director of the entity through which the minister serves.
8. The Committee strongly encourages collaboration between retreat and wellness centers to provide ministers geographic and chronological opportunities to partake of the same type of enrichment program.
9. Grant requests to attend conferences will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Applicants must clearly demonstrate how the conference will be used for ministry renewal, in order to be considered. For example: a conference to combat compassion fatigue is a good fit for a Tabor Fund Grant. Conferences aimed at professional development will not likely be funded.
10. No Tabor Fund Grant Award funds may be used to complete an educational class, course, curriculum or any requirement for certification/graduation or professional development.
11. Any unexpended grant funds must be returned to the Tabor Fund.
12. Individuals with access to continuing education funds by virtue of employment or appointment are not eligible for Tabor Fund Grants.
13. Please note: first time requests will receive first priority in funding.
14. Tabor Fund Grants only cover travel expenses for incoming guest speakers.

The Tabor Grant Awards Committee encourages collaborative Education and Formation initiatives: that brings together clergy, religious and lay ministers; or improves access to programming either geographically and/or chronologically. The initiatives that bring together clergy, religious and lay ministers will receive priority consideration. Ecumenical efforts will be given consideration. Tabor awards for Education & Formation initiatives cannot be used to host fundraisers. If awarded, funds are for one-time support.

To re-emphasize, the Tabor Fund Grant Award Program was developed with the intention of providing funds to ministers within the diocese who do not have access to continuing education funds to help them improve their ministry. Clergy are not eligible for individual Grant Awards. Clergy, however, may participate in Education and Formation initiatives/retreats.

Applications may be mailed to: THE TABOR FUND
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