

Instructions: Please carefully read through the instructions and application before proceeding. NCYC scholarship assistance is available to participants from NFCYM affiliated dioceses. Parishes, schools, and organizations seeking scholarship assistance should complete *Form 16: Scholarship Application Form* and submit it to their diocesan director by **April 15, 2009**. Diocesan directors of youth ministry collect and review the Form 16 applications and then submit them to the Catholic Youth Foundation USA using *Form 17: Diocesan Scholarship Summary Form*. All of the applications for a diocese must be received in one mailing. The Catholic Youth Foundation USA must receive all applications by the close of business on **May 15, 2009**. Scholarship decisions will be made by **June 1, 2009**.

Purpose of the NCYC Scholarships

NCYC scholarships are made available through the joint resources of the Catholic Youth Foundation USA and a solidarity fund established by the NFCYM. In 2009, approximately \$75,000 in NCYC scholarships will be awarded. NCYC scholarships are intended to:

- Increase the participation of young people from diverse cultural backgrounds and geographic settings
- Help support those in financial need due to economic hardship, especially those from areas affected by recent natural disasters (hurricanes, fires, flooding)
- Include young people with physical, sensory, and/or cognitive disabilities

What Will CYFUSA Fund?

If your application is funded, the Catholic Youth Foundation USA will underwrite up to 100% of the conference registration fee. CYFUSA expects that the individuals and local community will manage the remaining expenses. In rare cases where local resources are extremely limited and expenses are extensive, CYFUSA may fund a portion of participants' housing expense as well. These parameters enable CYFUSA to support the greatest number of scholarship applications.



Prototypical examples of groups that the NCYC scholarships might support are youth. . .

- In a community destroyed by Hurricanes Katrina or Rita or related flooding.
- In a rural community affected by the local economy.
- From an inner-city parish that lacks the resources to participate in a national event.
- From an ethnic parish who are looking for opportunities to participate in a national program.
- From a parish where youth ministry is new or under-developed.
- Whose disabilities require extra consideration in travel to and housing during NCYC.

Scholarship Awards

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of CYFUSA representatives and NFCYM members in consultation with the NFCYM Executive Director and the CYFUSA President. Scholarship awards will be announced in writing on or about June 1, 2009. Dioceses must provide the names of the individuals receiving the scholarships by September 18, 2009. CYFUSA will pay scholarship funds for registration fees directly to the conference registrar on behalf of the individual recipients.

Questions about the NCYC scholarship program should be submitted in writing to the Director of Development at the Catholic Youth Foundation USA at williamc@CYFUSA.org or mailed to William Cubbedge, CYFUSA, 415 Michigan Avenue NE, Suite 40, Washington DC 20017.