

EPISCOPAL CHURCH HOME YOUTH MINISTRIES SUPPORT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The Episcopal Church Home has established the Youth Ministries Program and Outreach Partnership Program to help fund parish ministries in the Diocese of West Tennessee. Eligible ministries must serve youth and may be collaborative projects with churches and community agencies working together. Churches may request applications from the diocesan office. Applications are due October 19th, and grants will be awarded by November 9th. Contact the Canon Stephanie Cheney, 901-526-0023, ext. 102, for more information.

Eligibility and Requirements

1. Applicants must be a West Tennessee Episcopal parish or mission in good standing.
2. The project must comply with the Church Home purpose, "... and to support other ministries designed to enrich the physical, spiritual or emotional development of youth through age twenty-one (21) located within The Diocese of West Tennessee."
3. A mid-year report will be required on each grant awarded. This reporting is to be received on June 30 unless by prior arrangement by the Board and also provide a convenient time for a visit from Board representatives to evaluate the program. Note: The Board will provide the required reporting form.
4. Proposed programs may apply for one, two or three years of funding. Contingent on successful annual evaluation of the project by the Board, program sponsors may reapply, but no special consideration will be given for those reapplying.
5. An annual financial audit or review based on approved diocesan business practices will be included with the mid-year report as specified in #3 above.
6. All funded programs must be in compliance with The Diocese of West Tennessee's Sexual Misconduct Prevention policies.

Special Consideration will be given to applications that include:

- Innovative programs addressing un-served needs of children.
- Request for matching funding.

Funding is not provided for "mission trip" travel costs or related mission trip expenses.

Awards will be granted based on the merits of the Youth Ministry Support Program application.