

2011 NCYC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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 15** and submit it to their diocesan office/director by **MONDAY, MAY 2, 2011**. Diocesan offices/directors of youth ministry collect and review **Form 15** and then submit them to the Catholic Youth Foundation USA using **Form 16**. 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 **MONDAY, MAY 16, 2011**. Scholarship decisions will be made by **FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2011**, and recipients will be notified the following week.

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 were 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
- 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 and/or transportation expense as well. These parameters enable CYFUSA to support the greatest number of scholarship applications.

Groups that the NCYC scholarships has supported in the past are youth...

- in a community destroyed by hurricanes, flooding, or other natural disasters
- 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 for NCYC housing or travel.

Scholarship Awards

Applications will be reviewed/decided by a committee of CYFUSA representatives and NFCYM members. Scholarship awards will be announced the week of June 6, 2011. **Dioceses must provide the names of the individuals receiving the scholarships by September 16, 2011.** CYFUSA will pay scholarship funds for registration fees directly to the conference registrar on behalf of the individual recipients. Any other funds will be sent directly to the applying parish/school/organization.

Questions about the NCYC scholarship program should be directed to the CYFUSA or NFCYM Office via email (matthewr@nfcym.org) or phone at 202-636-3825.

