



# The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

## Growing Your Stewardship Grant

### 2026 International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC) Conference Scholarships

Funded by The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida Endowment Fund, we are pleased to offer **2 scholarship grants** to pastors and parish, school and ministry staff/leaders interested in attending the 2026 International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC) Conference being held in New Orleans at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans from September 20-23, 2026. The 64th annual ICSC conference -- themed "Stewardship: Shining the Light of Christ for All to See" (Mt 5:16) -- will offer attendees a chance to gather to pray, learn, network, cultivate new friendships and reflect on the life of stewardship in the Catholic Church.

ICSC promotes and supports Catholic teaching on stewardship by providing education and resources for dioceses, parishes, and institutions of the Roman Catholic Church. The conference features 80 stewardship-related sessions focusing on new ideas, innovations, strategies as together we bring our church throughout the world to its fullness of charity. For more information on ICSC visit: [www.catholicstewardship.com](http://www.catholicstewardship.com).

The goal of this grant is to support the professional development of all those involved with advancing the stewardship of their parish, school or ministry in the Diocese of Orlando. There is an incredible benefit to having multiple people from one location attend together. If someone from your parish is already registered to attend this year's conference, consider having another representative apply for this scholarship. **Preference will be given to first-time attendees or an individual from an entity with another attendee(s) already registered.**

Those interested in applying for one of our scholarship grants should email their application to Lisa Oliveras at [loliveras@cfocf.org](mailto:loliveras@cfocf.org) on or before May 15. Scholarship recipients will be notified in late May. **The grant includes conference registration and a \$1,000 travel voucher to help with hotel and airfare costs.**

#### Eligibility

To be eligible for an award, applicants must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Pastor, parish priest, seminarian or deacon
- Parish, school or ministry business administrator or stewardship staff
- Parish, school or ministry lay stewardship/finance council member

#### How to Apply

Complete the application including:

- Contact & demographic information
- Brief professional bio
- Short essay focused on what you hope to learn and how you would utilize this in your position to enhance stewardship at your parish, school or ministry.
- Confirmation that, if selected, you agree to fill out a post-conference survey noting three key takeaways gleaned from the ICSC Conference and how this experience will benefit your parish, school or ministry.

Applications must signed by your supervisor and be emailed to Lisa Oliveras at [loliveras@cfocf.org](mailto:loliveras@cfocf.org) on or before **May 15, 2026**.

#### Selection Criteria

Applications will be reviewed by The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida. The review committee will select candidates who are eager to learn and plan to apply the skills and knowledge gained to benefit their parish community. Scholarship Grant winners will be announced in late May 2026.

#### Scholarship Grant Distribution

Candidates selected to receive a Growing Your Stewardship Scholarship Grant will be contacted directly by a member of The Catholic Foundation team who will work with the recipient on conference registration. **This grant cannot be applied to paid registrations - if you have already registered, please encourage another eligible member of your parish, school, or ministry to apply.**

*Please note: Registration will be completed by The Catholic Foundation on behalf of the attendee. The Catholic Foundation will not reimburse any fees incurred by applicants prior to being awarded the grant. This scholarship grant covers the registration fee and comes with a \$1,000 travel voucher, any additional costs associated with travel, lodging or other incidentals will need to be covered in the approved entity budget. Questions? Contact Lisa Oliveras at (407) 246-7177.*



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Thank you for your interest in applying for our 2026 International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC) Conference Scholarships Grants. Please fill out the application form below and email it to Lisa Oliveras at loliveras@cfof.org on or before May 15th. If you have any questions about the application, please contact Lisa directly at (407) 246-7177.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish/School/Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/ST/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

I serve the Church in the following role:(Check One)  Pastor  Parish Priest  Seminarian  Deacon  
 Business Administrator  Stewardship Staff  Lay Finance/Stewardship Council  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously attended an ICSC Conference:  No, this will be my first time attending  
 Yes, but I would like to join a fellow attendee already registered: \_\_\_\_\_  Yes, I have attended before  
(Please list year(s) previously attended: \_\_\_\_\_)

Please provide a brief professional bio and involvement with the parish and any other diocesan entities:

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Please share what you hope to learn at the conference and how you would utilize this knowledge in your position to enhance stewardship at your parish, school or ministry:

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By submitting this application, you are agreeing that if selected, you will fill out a post-conference survey noting three key takeaways gleaned from the ICSC Conference and how this experience will benefit your parish, school, or ministry.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor/Pastor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_