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FSC Foundation

The FSC Foundation (a title taken from the three first letters of **Fratres Scholarum Christianarum** - Brothers of the Christian School) was established by seven provinces of the De La Salle Christian Brothers in the United States together with Manhattan College (N.Y.). Resources of the foundation initially and presently are provided by the Christian Brothers Investment Services (CBIS), a financial advisory company with offices in Oakbrook, Illinois and New York, New York. The Christian Brother founders of CBIS determined from the very beginning of the company that it would set aside a significant portion of any of its profits to be used to support and advance **educational** services for the poor, especially victims of systemic injustice.

This is the principal goal of the foundation; it represents yet another effort to continue and expand the three-hundred-year old Lasallian tradition of serving the poor through education. In this way the caring vision of St. John Baptist De La Salle (1651-1719) for the needy will be extended even into a fourth century.

The FSC Foundation invites proposals to initiate and/or support **educational** projects which look to serve the poor, the handicapped, and others victimized by society. It hopes that ultimately such projects will become self-reliant and their participants will be enabled to help themselves.

Although the foundation has rather modest resources, it hopes to be able to grow in the future and thus augment the number of projects and persons it can assist.

Philosophy and Objectives

The FSC Foundation has been established to promote and support **educational** services directed to the poor and disadvantaged.

The FSC Foundation seeks to discover and support “new and adapted forms of education for those poor who are most neglected.”

The FSC Foundation hopes to encourage and energize through financial assistance organizations which wish to accept the challenge to assist the poor and marginalized in our societies by providing effective **educational** services for them.

Project Parameter Guidelines

The FSC Foundation will support **educational** activities, projects and services that attempt to respond creatively to the needs of these poor and/or handicapped in the following ways:

1. Structured **educational** training centers, such as schools, community service centers, vocational training centers, etc.
2. Alternative **educational** services such as training for independent living, counseling and personal support services, family training and employment skills training, etc.
3. Making small grants not to exceed \$3,000.
4. Making grants to help projects get started.

The FSC Foundation will accept proposals from organizations that are in accordance with its philosophy and objectives, and that are in compliance with its guidelines.

The FSC Foundation will not consider:

1. making grants for ongoing salaries, and administrative expenses, tuition scholarships or endowments
2. a proposal for a project that received FSC Foundation funding within the past three years
3. multiple proposals from the same organization within the same year. Applicants are asked to limit themselves to one proposal per year.
4. proposals for capital campaigns

Funding Approval Criteria

Through a clear, concise and objective presentation the application should show how the project:

1. Reflects the philosophy and objectives of the FSC Foundation.
2. Can achieve the specific goals and objectives envisioned in the service(s) to be offered.
3. Evidences the need for financial support while it documents requests from other funding sources.
4. Explains that there is an administrative or organizational structure, adequate for the success of the project.
5. Involves the project's participants in planning and implementing it.
6. Includes the possibility of replication by other individuals or groups.
7. Attempts to network with other fitting agencies, groups, businesses, etc., in the delivery of services.
8. Will expand the Grant funds being requested and describe briefly its methods of financial record keeping and reporting.
9. Envisions the time frame for initiation and duration of services, and the process of evaluating its success in achieving stated goals.

Funding Application Procedure

To make an application to the FSC Foundation please:

1. Complete the FSC GRANT APPLICATION form as thoroughly as possible.
2. Limit your application to the form alone. Additional supplementary material will not be reviewed.

N.B. The FSC Foundation makes grants only to Roman Catholic organizations and primarily to those who are clients of Christian Brothers Investment Services.

Foreign Catholic organizations must secure a U.S. fiscal sponsor. In order for your application to be considered a letter from your 501(c)3 USA fiscal sponsor MUST accompany your application.

Interested parties may obtain the FSC Grant Application Form from

1. The Foundation office at the address on the back cover. Please include your email address. Or
2. The Christian Brothers website at www.cbconf.org. On the right side of the home page click on FSC Foundation and follow instructions



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