

October 27, 2024 – Pentecost 23 (B) Young Adult and Campus Ministry Grants

Applications are open for 2025-26 Episcopal Church Young Adult and Campus Ministry grants, which provide funding for dioceses, congregations, community and tribal colleges, and university campuses that engage with young adults on and off campus.

The deadline to apply is by 10 p.m. ET **Nov. 18**, with decisions announced in February 2025. Applicants are encouraged to use a discernment and planning guide prior to submission. Find application forms, selection criteria, sample applications, a timeline, budget guidelines, and more at this link: iam.ec/yacmgrants.

A total of \$135,000 is available for awarding in four grant categories to eligible dioceses, congregations, and/or college and university ministries that engage in or are seeking new relationships with young adults. Applicants are asked to include a 1- to 2-minute video explaining how this grant would help their ministry grow, change, or do something new. Grant categories include the following:

- **Development grants:** Provide funds to establish a new ministry, restore a dormant one, or reenergize an existing ministry. Grants range from \$8,000-\$30,000; can be used over two years; and can only be awarded to a specific ministry once every five years.
- Campus ministry program grants: Provide seed money to help in the startup of new, innovative campus ministries or to enhance an existing ministry. Grants range from \$1,000-\$8,000.
- Young adult ministry program grants: Provide seed money to help in the startup of new, innovative young adult ministries or enhance existing ministries. Grants range from \$1,000-\$8,000.
- **Project grants:** Provide money for a one-time project that will enhance and impact a campus or young adult ministry. Grants range from \$100-\$2,000.

During last year's grant cycle, 19 grants were awarded to ministries from dioceses across the church.

"The Young Adult and Campus Ministry grants are vitally important to our ministry with young adults throughout the church," said the Rev. Shannon Kelly, officer for Young Adult and Campus Ministry. "In the past year alone, we funded creating and expanding spiritual communities on



campuses and in dioceses, training peer ministers, creating community gardens for an intergenerational prayer space, beginning a finals care package ministry, and starting new young adult ministries from the Sioux Reservation to Florida to the Convocation of Churches in Europe." For more information, contact the Rev. Shannon Kelly at <code>skelly@episcopalchurch.org</code>.