



Scholarship Application Instructions

NCYC 2023

Thank you for your interest in NCYC and in the Archdiocese of Chicago NCYC scholarship application process. NCYC scholarship assistance is available to parishes, schools, Catholic-funded organizations, and individual teens within the Archdiocese of Chicago. If applying for a parish scholarship, the designated NCYC Group Leader for each parish/school must collectively submit this scholarship application for all of those in their group interested in the scholarship. Individual teens **whose parish/school group is not applying for a parish scholarship** and who meet the personal scholarship criteria should submit their scholarship application directly, ccing their parent/guardian and their group leader, if applicable.

There is a firm deadline to submit all applications by May 31. Scholarship decisions will be made by June 30 and recipients will be notified via email shortly thereafter.

What will the Archdiocese of Chicago Fund?

The Archdiocese of Chicago will underwrite a portion of the group's costs, depending on need and availability of funds. It is expected that parishes, schools, Catholic-funded organization, and individuals will manage the remaining expenses through fundraising, NFCYM scholarships to NCYC, and personal/parish funds.

CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

Parish Scholarships

Parishes must specify if they are applying for an economic need scholarship, an under-represented community scholarship, or both. In order to apply for each type of scholarship, the parish must meet at least one of the criteria listed under that type of scholarship and submit a full application, indicating which criteria allows them to apply for that particular scholarship and including responses around how NCYC would benefit the parish or teens involved. Group Leaders are responsible for letting their teens know if they are applying for a parish scholarship.

Economic Need

Criteria for Economic Need Scholarship Applicants:

- A parish whose operating costs are subsidized by the Archdiocese of Chicago.
- A school that receives funds from Big Shoulders.
- A school that is an AIM School.
- A school or parish that is currently undergoing an Archdiocesan turnaround or Parish Improvement Program (PIP).

Under-Represented Communities

Criteria for Under-Represented Community Scholarship Applicants:

- A parish or school community that has not had the opportunity to participate in NCYC before.
- A parish or school in the Archdiocese of Chicago who are in a community affected by violence.
- A parish or school community that belong to an ethnic or cultural community that has been under-represented at NCYC in the past.

Personal Scholarships

For individual teens **whose parish does not apply for one of the scholarships listed above**, we are offering a personal need scholarship option. In order to apply this scholarship, the teen must meet at least one of the criteria listed under this type of scholarship and submit a full application, indicating which criteria allows them to apply for that particular scholarship and including responses around how NCYC would benefit them. Teens should check with their parish/school's Group Leader before applying for a personal scholarship.

Criteria for Personal Scholarship Applicants:

- Youth from a parish where youth ministry is new, under-developed, or non-existent.
- Youth who have experienced a noticeable hardship in recent years. Examples of a hardship could include going through a divorce at home, having a parent lose their job, a natural disaster, losing a loved one, etc.
- Youth that come from a low-income family and meet State of Illinois requirements for free or reduced-price school lunch.
- Youth that belong to an under-represented ethnic or cultural community.

Application Elements

All scholarship applicants are required submit the following:

- Completed Archdiocese of Chicago Scholarship Application. Fill out the appropriate scholarship application attached to these instructions. Please fill out only the application that corresponds to the type of scholarship you are applying for (parish or personal).
- NCYC Impact Statement. Please answer the following questions in a separate document to give the scholarship committee more information about how NCYC could benefit your teens and parish/school. The document where these questions are answered must be attached to your scholarship application when it is submitted. Questions can be answered by the group leader or by individual teens in the parish/school group.
 - How do you feel attending NCYC will benefit your faith?
 - How can you use your participation at NCYC to positively affect your family, parish, and community?
- Completed NFCYM Scholarship Application. NFCYM also offers scholarship assistance to those coming to NCYC. If you are applying for an Archdiocese of Chicago Scholarship, you must also apply for the NFCYM individual scholarship for 1–3 individuals in your group if applying for a parish scholarship or for yourself if you are applying for a personal scholarship. Scholarship applications can be found on the [NFCYM website](#) and are due before July 31st. The NFCYM scholarship application requires you to either submit an [application form](#) for each individual teen requesting assistance or to contact Darius Villalobos at dariusv@nfcym.org or 202.301.5166 to inquire about a group scholarship.

Representatives applying for Archdiocese of Chicago NCYC Scholarship funds should complete and submit these scholarship application elements to ncyc@archchicago.org. Individual teens applying should CC their parent/guardian and their group leader, if they have one, when submitting the scholarship application.

Scholarship Applications due no later than: May 31

Questions

Questions about the Chicago NCYC Scholarship Application process should be directed to ncyc@archchicago.org.

Parish Scholarship Application

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Parish, School, or Catholic Funded Organization:

Name of Group Leader (person submitting the application):

Group Leader's Role at the Parish/School:

Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Vicariate:

Phone:

Email:

Youth

Adult

Number of participants in your group:

(If you do not know the exact number of participants, please provide your best estimate)

Total requested scholarship amount: \$

Which Scholarship(s) are you applying for? (Circle the scholarship type(s) you are applying for and put a check mark in the box of the criteria(s) your group meets to apply for that scholarship):

Economic Need

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- A school that is an AIM School.

Under-Represented Community

- A parish or school community that has not had the opportunity to participate in NCYC before.
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- A parish or school community that belong to an ethnic or cultural community that has been under-represented at NCYC in the past.

Explain further the circumstances that led you to apply for this scholarship (optional):

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

Personal Scholarship Application

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Name of Parish or School: _____

Name of Teen (individual submitting this form): _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Name of Group Leader (if you have one): _____

Parish/School Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Teen's Email: _____ Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Group Leader Email (if you have one): _____

Requested Scholarship Amount: \$ _____

By checking this box, I assert that I have checked with my parish/school group leader, if I have one, and they are not applying for a parish scholarship.

Why are you applying for this personal need scholarship? (Put a check mark in the box of the criteria(s) that you meet to apply for this scholarship):

- Youth from a parish where youth ministry is new, under-developed, or non-existent.
- Youth who has experienced a noticeable hardship in recent years. (Examples of a hardship could include going through a divorce at home, having a parent lose their job, a natural disaster, losing a loved one, etc.)
- Youth that comes from a low-income family and meets State of Illinois requirements for free or reduced-price school lunch.
- Youth that belongs to an under-represented ethnic or cultural community.

Explain further the circumstances that led you to apply for this scholarship:

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____