

2025 Fr. David Fallon Award – Criteria

“If you want peace, work for justice”

Diocese of Cleveland, Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Deadline: E-mailed by Friday, July 15, 2025 to jason.lewis@ccdacle.org

Rev. David Fallon (b.1944, d. 2009) was a priest of the Diocese of Cleveland who prioritized working for the common good. He was ordained in 1970 and during his priesthood he served the poor and marginalized in El Salvador amidst the country’s violent civil war. After Fr. Fallon returned to the U.S. he served the Catholic Hispanic population in the Diocese of Cleveland. With love and dedication, Fr. Fallon also worked for justice with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD,) the anti-poverty program of the U.S. Bishops, and the Commission on Catholic Community Action, the Social Action office for Cuyahoga County in the Diocese of Cleveland. He understood the CCHD values of empowering the poor and working for justice as being essential for creating peace in the world, and he promoted these CCHD values as well as the CCHD national collection as a Pastor. Fr. Fallon was a pivotal member of the CCHD Committee responsible for awarding the CCHD local grants, and he was the Chair of the International Peace and Justice Committee for the Commission on Catholic Community Action. At his passing in 2009 he was the pastor of La Sagrada Familia in Cleveland.

Fr. Fallon’s life was a testament to working for peace and justice, and this award is presented in his name to individuals/organizations that show a similar commitment.

Award Criteria

- Annual awards are presented in memory of Fr. David F. Fallon’s spirit, love, and dedication to the mission and work of CCHD in the Diocese of Cleveland.
- Eligible projects shall be in compliance with the guidelines and criteria established by Diocese of Cleveland CCHD Protocol (see page 3 of this application). Projects should be oriented towards Catholic Social Teaching, including but not limited to these principles: the empowerment of the poor, respect for human life and dignity, a preferential option for the poor, a call to participation, subsidiarity, solidarity, strengthening the family, and building community. For your reference and understanding:
 - <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/>
 - <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching.cfm>
- Eligible nominees may be groups/organizations that have received a CCHD grant and may be currently CCHD funded. Eligible nominees may also be diocesan parishes, high schools, or universities that have worked on social justice endeavors and have not previously received CCHD funds.
- The Fr. David F. Fallon Community Award and Youth Award serve to educate, nourish, and advance Catholic Social Teaching and the mission and work of CCHD in the Diocese of Cleveland.

- The award will be comprised of a monetary amount to advance the work of the awardees in the amount of \$250 to \$500. The CCHD Committee may also recognize other deserving groups with honorable mention certificates. Such groups are free to apply again the following year.
- The Fr. David F. Fallon Awards will be presented-at the Annual CCHD Grant Awards Celebration held in June of each year.

CCHD Mission

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has a longstanding tradition of supporting projects that eradicate poverty. The United States Council of Catholic Bishops established CCHD in 1970 in response to the “evident need for funds designated to be used for organized groups of white and minority poor to develop economic strength and political power in their own communities” (Initial CCHD Resolution). CCHD perpetuates this tradition today grounded in the spirit of Jesus Christ to “bring good news to the poor, liberty to captives, new sight to the blind, and to set the downtrodden free” (Luke 4:18).

Funding is given to organizations that effect systemic change. Those who are poor are given the tools, education, and freedom necessary to get out of their oppressive circumstances. Organizations are encouraged to empower poor and vulnerable persons by including them in the decision-making processes of the project. Those struggling with poverty must be empowered to be a voice for their own cause and stand up to enact change on a structural level.

Each year CCHD has a national collection to support local and national grants, and the generous contributions of parishioners throughout the United States to this collection make these grants possible. After the collection, a portion of the donations remain in the Diocese of Cleveland to fund the local CCHD grants.

Instructions

1. The established Fr. David Fallon Award format must be used, and applicants may only use the space provided.
2. If your group/organization does not have its 501c3 federal tax-exemption, provide a letter from an eligible organization willing to serve as fiscal agent for your project.
3. The project should have a specific name other than the name of the organization.
4. Projects should have clear and specific goals, objectives, and timeframes.
5. Grant applicants are requested to submit a one to two-page narrative summary of the proposed project.
6. **Do not include the “Fr. David Fallon - Criteria, CCHD Mission, and Instructions” pages when submitting your application.**
7. Please submit grant application by **Friday, July 15, 2025 via e-mail** to the CCHD Diocesan Director, Jason R. Lewis, jason.lewis@ccdacle.org

PROTOCOL FOR THE REVIEW OF GRANT APPLICANTS OF THE DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Please read the following “Protocol for the Review of Grant Applicants” and provide the information required under Section III: *Applicant Requirements*

PROTOCOL FOR REVIEWING GRANT APPLICANTS FOR CCHD GRANTS

- I. Review of Applicant's Directors/Trustees and Officers.
The CCHD Advisory Committee, or any other group or person so designated by the Diocesan Bishop, shall conduct an investigation of all trustees/directors and all officers of any organization applying for a CCHD grant from the Diocese of Cleveland shall be reviewed and researched via all reasonable means to determine if:
 - a. Any such trustee, director, or officer has personally espoused or promoted publically any viewpoint that is contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church.
 - b. Any such trustee, director, or officer has any affiliation with any group or organization that directly or indirectly espouses, supports, or finances in any way any position or program that is contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church.
 - c. The investigation shall include at a minimum the following steps:
 - i. An Internet search of each individual trustee, director, and officer.
 - ii. Inclusions of interview questions regarding the existence of any affiliations referenced in section I(b), above.
- II. Review of Applicant's Organization Affiliations.
The CCHD Advisory Committee, or any other group or person so designated by the Diocesan Bishop, shall conduct an investigation of all applicant organizations to determine the following:
 - a. If any applicant organization directly or indirectly espouses, supports, finances, or otherwise promotes in any way any position or program that is contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church, whether in practice or in philosophy; or
 - b. If any applicant organization is affiliated, directly or indirectly, with any organization that espouses, supports, finances, or otherwise promotes in any way any position or program that is contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

The investigation shall include the following steps:

 - c. An Internet search of the organization.
 - d. A review of an applicant organization's IRS Form 990.
 - e. A review of the applicant organizations funding sources.
 - f. A review of the applicant's audit reports from anytime within the past 5 years, if applicant has in fact been audited.
- III. Applicant Requirements.
Beginning with on the effective date of these norms, all organizations that apply to receive CCHD grants shall include with their application the following things:
 - a. The organization's IRS Form 990 from the past 5 years.
 - b. An affidavit, signed by an officer, testifying as to how the organization's money is spent and allocated.
 - c. A copy of the organization's most recent audit.

- IV. Composition of the CCHD Advisory Board.
The members of the CCHD Advisory Board shall be composed of individuals representing as broad range of competence and viewpoints as possible. Given the current prominence of issues pertaining to the sacredness of human life, the CCHD Advisory Board shall include at least one representative from the Diocese of Cleveland Pro-Life Office and one representative from a non-diocesan pro-life organization. It shall also include a priest chosen by the Bishop or his designee.
- V. List of Organizations.
In order to assist the CCHD Advisory Committee and the Bishop in their consideration of any applicant, a list of organizations shall be maintained that lists the names of any organization, whether or not such organizations is or has been an applicant for any CCHD grant, that is found to espouse, support, finance, or otherwise promote in any way any position or program that is contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church, whether in practice or in philosophy. The list shall also briefly summarize the reason or reasons for each organization's inclusion in the list. Any affiliation by any applicant organization with any organization on this list shall be noted and brought to the attention of the Diocesan Bishop along with all details of such affiliation pursuant to Section VI of these norms, below.
- IV. Consideration of Potential Issues Pertaining to Church Teachings.
After the CCHD Advisory Committee has conducted its review of the applicants, including all of the investigative steps required by these norms, the Committee shall prepare a report to the Bishop containing the Committee's recommendations regarding the applicants. The Committee's report shall contain any and all findings of the Committee resulting from the examinations required by these norms. The Diocesan Bishop shall then determine whether any of the findings of the Committee regarding any applicant and matters of Church teaching are sufficient to disqualify the applicant organization from receiving CCHD grant money.

Assigned # (For office use only) _____

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Date of Application: _____

Organizational Information

Name of organization or parish:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:		E-mail:
Website:		
Is organization a 501(c)(3)? Yes/No		If yes, provide FIN #:
If no, please fill out the following information about your 501(c)(3) tax exempt fiscal agent:		

Fiscal Agent Information *Must also provide letter from fiscal agent organization.*

Legal name of organization:	FIN #:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Website:		Phone:

Project Information

Name of Project:	
Project Began:	Project Ended:
Project Website:	

Project Director/Contact Person

Name:	Role in Organization:
Home Phone:	Home e-mail:
Employer:	Job Title:
Work Phone:	Work E-Mail:

Nomination Submitted by:

Name:	Relationship to Organization:
Home Phone:	Home e-mail:
Employer:	Job Title:
Work Phone:	Work E-Mail:

Narrative

Give a summary of the organization’s project describing the mission, goals and objectives, people who participated, and the outcomes. As stated in the “Award Criteria” above, be sure to describe the project as it pertains to Catholic Social Teaching.

(Essay must be typed, Calibri 11 font, double spaced, one inch margins, and is NOT to exceed two pages)

