



**Catholic Social Ministry Gathering 2023 (Jan. 28 – 31)
“Blessed are the Peacemakers” (Mt 5:9)**

2023 Financial Assistance Application

Instructions: To apply for financial assistance to attend the 2023 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (CSMG), please complete all required fields below. Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis until depleted. The application form will close on **November 18, 2022**.

The application is also available in Spanish at this [link](#).

CSMG Registration: Scholarship recipients are not automatically registered for CSMG. For attendees who receive a scholarship, they will receive an awardee email/letter with a registration code and are asked to register within five days of receiving the email. **Do not register until you have received notification of acceptance.**

DOI’s Goals and Desired Outcomes:

- Help our Gathering to reflect more fully on the rich diversity of the Church.
- Develop leaders from diverse Catholic communities who will share Catholic social teaching and take action with their community and the broader Church.
- Cultivate strong, long-term relationships of mutual respect between diocesan social action offices and offices that minister to ethnic, cultural, and disability communities within the Church.
- Advance the social mission of the Church, within culturally diverse communities, through education, outreach, and advocacy.
- Expand resources available to ensure that the gifts from diverse communities can contribute to the social ministry of the Church.

Scholarship Criteria and Considerations:

- Leaders from under-represented ethnic, cultural, and disability communities working in Catholic institutions (parishes, dioceses, schools, social service agencies, etc.) may be eligible for financial assistance. We also encourage participation from rural and mission dioceses. DOI may award scholarships to multiple individuals from the same diocese

that will work together to advance Catholic Social Ministry. Awardees do not have to be Catholic; however, they must work or serve with a Catholic entity.

- When reviewing applications for financial assistance, priority is given to new applicants who 1) demonstrate leadership; 2) currently participate with a national CSMG collaborating organization or diocesan social action office, or 3) meet the diversity criteria of this initiative and live in a USCCB designated home mission diocese.
- CSMG participants are normally limited to no more than three years of scholarship assistance through the Diversity Outreach Initiative so that we can make this opportunity available to as many people as possible. Returning applicants will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Scholarship assistance will be extended only for registration and/or hotel accommodations and will not be provided for participant travel to and from Washington, D.C.

Application Form:

1. First Name (**required**): _____
2. Last Name (**required**): _____
3. Job/Volunteer Title or Position (**required**): _____
4. (Arch)Diocese you live in or work/volunteer for (**required**):

5. Name of Your Parish (**required**): _____
6. Email address (**required**): _____
7. Your Phone Number (**required**): _____
Please insert dashes (i.e.: 000-000-0000).
8. Please enter your home Congressional District (**required**):

9. Are you a student? (**required**): _____
10. Do you have experience with legislative/advocacy work at any level (local, state, national)? Explain (**required**).
(i.e., max character count of 500)
11. Are you experiencing a financial need or economic hardship? (**required**):

12. What financial need or economic help are you experiencing? **(required)**

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Demographic Data:

This demographic data is collected with the intent to inform future outreach efforts.

13. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to answer

14. Ethnicity: **(required)**

- White or Caucasian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Asian or Pacific Islander/Asian American
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Biracial
- Another Race

15. Do you have a disability?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

16. In a few sentences, please describe your experience with or interest in social ministry.
(i.e., 500 max character count) **(required)**

17. What do you hope to learn at CSMG 2023?

In a few sentences, please tell us what you hope to learn/share at CSMG 2023. How will this influence your work/ministry? How will you incorporate this experience/learning into your work/ministry? (i.e., 500 max. character count) **(required)**

18. Is this your first time attending CSMG?

Yes

No

19. How many times have you attended CSMG in the past?

0

1-2

3-4

5 or more times

20. Please list two references who the DOI Committee may contact about you being an excellent candidate for the DOI scholarship. References may include, for example: one's parish priest, ministry/organizational/diocesan leader, Bishop, CSMG collaborating organizational representative, etc.

Reference 1

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization and/or (Arch)Diocese: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Reference 2

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization and/or (Arch)Diocese: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

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Submission Page:

By electronically signing this application, I acknowledge the following:

- If I receive a scholarship, I pledge to keep my commitment to attend CSMG, including all CSMG sessions and Hill visits with the offices that represent my home district. If I cannot attend, I will let the CSMG staff know at csmg@uscgb.org before Dec. 21, 2022.
- I understand that I am expected to stay involved in CSMG follow-up activities, including post-CSMG evaluation conference call.
- I understand that this scholarship award is only valid for CSMG 2023.

Please direct any questions to CSMGcontractor@uscgb.org (see section 1 for reference).
Inquiries in Spanish are welcome.

For further information visit www.catholicssocialministrygathering.org.

By filling in my name, I am electronically signing this document

Name: _____

Date: _____