



2020 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering

January 25 - 28, 2020, Washington, D.C.

DOI Application for Financial Assistance

Instructions: To apply for financial assistance to attend CSMG 2020 through the Diversity Outreach Initiative, please complete the following steps. **Diversity Scholarship Application EXTENDED deadline is November 8, 2019.**

- 1) Fill out all of the information on this application and sign it.
- 2) Have a copy of our **Recommendation Form** filled out and signed by one of the following people:
 - A Diocesan Director for Social Action/Social Ministry/Peace & Justice/Justice & Life/Disability/Cultural Concerns (best for applicants who work/volunteer in parishes or dioceses).
 - A CSMG committee member from one of our collaborating organizations (for applicants who work/volunteer with one of the organizations – list at www.catholicsocialministrygathering.org).
 - The CSMG Young Leaders Initiative coordinator at your college/university or a pastoral staff at your college/university Newman's Center (for college/university students who also qualify for and need assistance from the Diversity Outreach Initiative).
- 3) Email both of the above completed and signed forms to:

CSMG 2020 Diversity Committee

E-mail: doiapplications@usccb.org

Phone: 202-541-3380

Scholarship Available for CSMG 2020: Limited number of registration and hotel scholarships will be awarded. Registration includes conference fee for CSMG core (the afternoon of Saturday, January 25th through Tuesday, January 28th) and does not include pre-CSMG meetings. Hotel includes three nights (nights of Saturday, January 25th; Sunday, January 26th; and, Monday, January 27th) at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008. Participants shall be responsible for all incidental costs at hotel.

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

Scholarship Criteria and Considerations: (Applicant may not meet each of the following points but know that these are the criteria the Diversity Committee considers.)

- **Diversity:** Leaders and potential leaders from under-represented ethnic, cultural and disability communities who are also active in Catholic institutions, parishes, schools, and social service agencies.
- **Geographic Diversity:** We welcome applicants from a variety of geographical settings. We particularly encourage participation from rural and mission dioceses. Applicants must live 100 miles or more from Washington DC for hotel scholarship.
- **Prior Participation:** CSMG participants are normally limited to no more than three consecutive years of scholarship assistance through the Diversity Outreach Initiative. Returning applicants will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- **Travel Confirmation:** Applicants selected for scholarship must be able to provide documentation of confirmed travel arrangements by close of business Dec. 30, 2019. Scholarship will be revoked from participants who have not provided confirmation of travel by COB 12/30/19 and may be awarded to other applicants.



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Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Job /Volunteer Title or Position: _____

Diocese you live in or work/volunteer for: _____

Name of Your Parish: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Congressional District: _____

Find your congressional district by [clicking here](#).

Are you a student? (Yes/No): _____

Do you have experience with legislative/advocacy work at any level (local, state, national)?:

Demographic Data: (All demographic data requested is optional and with exception of potential room sharing, demographic data is collected simply to inform future outreach efforts).

Gender: Male Female

Identified as: Hispanic/Latino African American Asian and Pacific Islander
 Native American or Alaska Native Native Hawaiian
 Other (Specify) _____

Ethnicity: _____

Disability: Yes No

(if yes, please indicate requested accommodations) _____

**Background/
Experience:** In a few sentences, please describe your experience with or interest in social ministry.

In a few sentences, please tell us what you hope to learn/share at CSMG 2019? How will this influence your work/ministry? How will you incorporate this experience/learning into your work/ministry?



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Returning Applicant: (So that we can make this opportunity available to as many people as possible, CSMG participants are normally limited to no more than three years of scholarship assistance through the Diversity Outreach Initiative. Returning applicants are evaluated on a case-by-case basis).

Is this the first time you have attended CSMG? (Yes/No)	
If not, how many times have you attended in the past?	
In the past, have you ever received financial assistance through the Diversity Outreach Initiative to attend CSMG? (Yes/No)	
If so, in what years did you receive financial assistance?	
In a few sentences, please describe outcomes or results from your last experience at CSMG? In what way have you grown or changed? Describe any significant changes in your work, ministry, or professional/church relationships during the last year.	

Can you commit to helping us evaluate the success of this effort? (Yes/No): _____

The CSMG Diversity Committee asks all recipients of financial assistance to help us evaluate this experience at the end of CSMG and/or later through occasional feedback opportunities such as check-in sessions, online surveys, conference calls, or social media.

Please describe the amount and the kind of financial assistance needed to cover expenses to attend CSMG. Do you need assistance with the cost of registration at \$350 per person and/or the hotel at \$219 per night? **Note:** Recipients will receive three nights covered at the Omni Shoreham (2500 Calvert Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008), directly paid by CSMG to the hotel-Saturday, January 25 thru Monday, January 27, 2020 (hotel checkout Tuesday, January 28). Recipients should expect to share a room with another attendee receiving a scholarship. Hotel reservation will be made by CSMG, who will contact recipients with further information. In most cases, we cannot provide financial assistance for transportation.

Attendance Expectations:

- Diversity Welcome Lunch on Saturday, January 25 and Reception on Monday, January 27, 2020
- CSMG Core Meeting: Including Plenary Sessions, workshops
- Hill Visit: Meetings with Congressional offices will be scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2020.
- Meeting Follow-Up: Scholarship recipients will be asked to submit Congressional meeting forms at the conclusion of their Hill visit.



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By 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.

The hotel room covered by the scholarship is only for the nights of Saturday, January 25, Sunday, January 26, Monday, January 27. Any meals not covered by registration and/or incidental costs incurred by me at the hotel will be my responsibility to cover.

I understand that I am expected to stay involved in CSMG follow-up activities, including a post-CSMG evaluation conference call.

I have included my personal statement and recommendation form with this application.



Signature

Date

Please direct any questions and all completed applications to doiapplications@usccb.org (see contact on Page 1).

For further information visit www.catholicsocialministrygathering.org.