

Roanridge Trust

Award Application Information

HISTORY:

The Cochel family originally gave a working farm in Missouri called Roanridge to the Episcopal Church to provide a unique setting in which Episcopal clergy, seminarians, and lay people could develop an understanding of farming operations and rural community structure. Through educational programs such as conferences, seminars, and institutes, the non-profit corporation that managed Roanridge sought to help Episcopal clergy and laity better serve communities in rural and small-town America. The farm was eventually sold and the Roanridge Trust was established.

PURPOSE OF THE TRUST:

The interest generated from the Roanridge Trust is specifically to be used for the training of town and country clergy and rural Christian workers of the Episcopal Church.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE:

The Roanridge Trust generates approximately \$200,000 in funds to be distributed each year.

WHO ADMINISTERS THE TRUST:

The Roanridge Trust is administered by the Mission Department of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (DFMS).

HOW THE PROCESS WILL WORK:

The DFMS will provide oversight of the Roanridge Trust distribution through the following activities:

1. Applications from any organization (established or new), diocese, and/or congregation providing training to town and country clergy and rural Christian workers within the Episcopal Church will be invited. To be considered for funding, please complete the attached cover page and application form and submit it as directed.
2. It is anticipated that 10 to 15 training programs will receive awards each calendar year. Program funding will be for twelve months (e.g., January, 2014, through December, 2014) with payments made on a quarterly basis.

3. Applicants selected will commit to sharing their training program in its entirety, with the results and evaluations in an electronic, uploadable format posted on <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/roanridge> so that it may be used by other groups within the Episcopal Church. Further, selected applicants agree to identify and list a contact person to be posted with the program.
4. Applicants selected agree to collect participant data and to complete all required reports by the deadlines provided. This information may include some or all of the following:
 - a. Number and geographic location of participants taking part in the training
 - b. Quantitative and qualitative measures of vitality in the congregations where the participants serve, both before the program, immediately after, and one year later
 - c. Evaluations completed by participants
5. Applicants selected agree to acknowledge their receipt of funds in the following way: “This training was made possible in full/in part by funds from the Roanridge Trust, administered through the Mission Department of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, 815 2nd Ave., New York, NY 10017.”
6. Applications which meet the following criteria will be given highest consideration:
 - Those that target Episcopal Church leaders serving (or preparing to serve) in rural and small-town settings. The Office of Congregational Research defines rural and small-town communities as those with a population of 10,000 or less.
 - Those that seek to increase participation Christian ministry within the Episcopal Church
 - Those that offer the greatest degree of transferability for others to use as training in different locations.
 - Those applying for a Roanridge Trust grant for the first time.
 - Those that seek to further the mission of the Episcopal Church in the world, especially as outlined in the Five Marks of Mission, as developed by the Anglican Consultative Council. Those Five Marks of Mission are as follows:
 - To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
 - To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
 - To respond to human need by loving service
 - To seek to transform unjust structures of society
 - To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth
7. Descriptions of programs which have been funded previously are available on the [Roanridge Trust website](#). Applications will not be funded which only provide funding for the operating budget of ongoing programs.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR FUNDING?

Any organization, diocese, group of congregations, single congregation or individual that provides training for town and country clergy and rural Christian workers of the Episcopal Church.

Any organization, diocese, group of congregations, single congregation or individual that provides training designed to better equip the participants for effective Christian ministry within the Episcopal Church.

Any organization, diocese, group of congregations, single congregation or individual actively serving in some form of Christian ministry in the Episcopal Church.

HOW APPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED:

All completed applications must be received dated no sooner than June 1, 2013, and no later than September 1, 2013. Applications should be mailed to:

Sam McDonald
Episcopal Church Center
815 2nd Avenue
New York, NY 10017
smcdonald@episcopalchurch.org

Upon receipt, each application will be reviewed to ensure that it is complete. It will then be distributed to the members of the DFMS program staff, who will evaluate it using a point system. Funds will be awarded to those applicants receiving the highest numeric rating. A letter of decision will be sent to all applicants no later than November 15, 2013.