



*"Whoever receives
one child such as
this in my name
receives me"*

(Matthew 18:5)

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The Catholic Coalition for Special Education is now accepting Letters of Intent (LOI) from both elementary and high schools located within the Archdioceses of Washington and Baltimore for its ***Believe-in Me! Grants Program*** to support students with intellectual disabilities.

To support CCSE's focus of creating new Catholic educational opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities funding is limited to:

- 1) special education program start-up funds,
- 2) existing resource programs expanding their services to include students with intellectual disabilities, or
- 3) schools which can document an expansion of their existing special education services to students with intellectual disabilities.

Funds can be applied toward hiring special education staff, professional development and toward purchasing specialized materials necessary to provide appropriate modifications to the curriculum.

CCSE does not provide long term continuing program support and requests for renewed support are considered on the basis of reports received, site visits and CCSE priorities. A negative response does not reflect upon the merits of a proposal or the quality of an organization, but results from the fact that the number of proposals received far exceeds CCSE's resources, or because a given project does not fall within CCSE priority areas of involvement.

DEADLINES **Please note this is a two-step process**

- 1) Submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) by **Thursday, March 31, 2016**. For format and detailed instructions, please see <http://www.ccse-maryland.org/schools.html>. If, based on your LOI, it is determined that you are eligible for a Believe in Me! grant, you will receive a Request for Funding Application (RFA).
- 2) Eligible schools must submit the Request for Funding Application by **Friday, April 29, 2016**. These deadlines are firm.

This is a competitive process. Every year funding applications far exceed CCSE's ability to award. Grantees are selected on the basis of the quality and completeness of their application and a demonstrated commitment to serve our brothers and sisters with disabilities. Please ensure all required attachments are included in your application.

If you have any questions regarding the grant application process, email grants@ccse-maryland.org or call 301-933-8844, ext. 101.

CCSE exists to serve you!

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