



# OCF JOSEPH E. WESTON PUBLIC FOUNDATION MATCH GRANT

Funded by CEEF

The OCF Joseph E. Weston Public Foundation Match Grant, also known as the Weston Grant, was created to **grow school endowment principal and increase tuition assistance for families and students** at Catholic schools across the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon.

## THE MATCH



Providing matching funds for schools in Oregon and Southwest Washington, the Weston Grant provides support for schools in two ways.

**CEEF/Endowment:** To receive a CEEF endowment match, schools must have a CEEF investment account at US Bank. All eligible funds must be deposited into the CEEF account, without exception. Contributions to the CEEF account may be made by anyone, including parishioners and school families; however, they are permanently restricted for tuition assistance.

**Tuition Assistance:** The goal for the tuition assistance match is to encourage new donors to the school. The Weston match funds (as well as the funds used to obtain the match) may be used immediately, but are temporarily restricted and can only be used for tuition assistance.

The Weston Grant matches fundraising efforts, dollar for dollar, up to a maximum amount determined at the start of each Weston year (October through September). This is an amazing opportunity for schools to double fundraising efforts while growing endowments and capacity to award tuition assistance.



**More  
Information**

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## THE HISTORY



Joseph Weston has a long history of public service and philanthropy. A prominent business executive and Portland native, Mr. Weston created a highly successful real estate empire while remaining committed to supporting Catholic education. A graduate himself of All Saints and Central Catholic in Portland, Mr. Weston's steadfast support has helped thousands of students and their families afford enrollment in Catholic schools.

The Weston Grant began in 2007, providing approximately \$200,000 in matching funds for 26 schools. Today, the program has grown to include more than 40 schools in Portland and the surrounding area and provides millions of dollars to schools for endowments and immediate-need tuition assistance for students and families. A critical financial support for our schools, the Weston Grant supplemented Archdiocesan schools during the 2020-2021 school year by giving approximately \$2,817,000 for these purposes.

**Q1 Oct. to Dec.**

Report due  
**January 15**

**Q2 Jan. to Mar.**

Report due  
**April 15**

**Q3 Apr. to Jun.**

Report due  
**July 15**

**Q4 Jul. to Sept.**

Report due  
**September 20**  
(early deadline  
due to close of  
Weston Year)

## THE IMPACT



The cost of education has grown exponentially over the years. Today, many schools report as much as 60% of students receive some form of financial aid to enroll. By giving to your school's endowment, or to the school's tuition assistance fund, you are ensuring the financial health and well-being of the school for future generations, while making Catholic education accessible to all students who want it. Additionally, according to the NCEA Annual Statistical Report for 2021-2022, the high school graduation rate among Catholic high schools is 98.9 percent and the percentage of Catholic high school graduates who attend four-year colleges is 85.2 percent. By helping to make Catholic education a reality with your gift, you are fostering the development of future business professionals and leaders.

**Please consider giving to the Catholic school  
in your community today.**

## HOW TO GIVE

To give a gift, contact your local Catholic school and express your desire to contribute to the school's endowment fund or tuition assistance fund. Your gift can then be matched through the generosity of the OCF Joseph E. Weston Public Foundation.