

**Catholic Diocese of Richmond
Office for Evangelization
Campus Ministry Fellowship Program 2024 – 2026**

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your interest in the Campus Ministry Fellowship Program for the 2024-2026 academic years. The application instructions are listed below.

Applications will be evaluated, and Fellowship spots will be filled on a rolling basis. Any incomplete application packages will not be considered.

1. Create an account on the diocesan jobs portal and complete the application. Provide a cover letter and resume.
2. Complete the “*Campus Ministry Fellowship Application Form*”.
3. Complete the “*Campus Ministry Fellowship Essay Prompt*” and “*Campus Ministry Fellowship Project Proposal*”.
4. Submit the Campus Ministry Application Form, Essay, and Project Proposal to jobs@richmonddiocese.org.
5. Provide three (3) letters of reference speaking to your qualifications for the program from:
 - a. Current Pastor
 - b. Lay Minister in the Church (i.e. Campus Minister, Youth Minister, Director of Religious Education)
 - c. Professional Reference

Letters of Reference can be emailed to jobs@richmonddiocese.org.

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CAMPUS Ministry Fellowship APPLICATION FORM

Name:

Directions: Check all that apply and fill in the missing information below.

Catholic/Spiritual Formation:

- I have been baptized. I was baptized on: _____.
- I was confirmed in the Catholic Church at the age of _____.
- During the past year I have consistently and faithfully practiced the Catholic faith.
- I converted to Catholicism at the age of _____ from the _____ faith.
- I participated in my college campus ministry program.

Placement Preferences:

The Diocese of Richmond covers an a large geographical area, are there any preferences or restrictions we should be aware of when looking at potential schools for employment?

Please rank your placement preference from 1 (most preferred) to 5 (least preferred). Please note that all of the schools listed may not be accepting ministry fellows but are currently the possible placement options.

- _____ Christopher Newport University (Newport News)
- _____ Old Dominion University (Norfolk)
- _____ University of Virginia (Charlottesville)
- _____ Virginia Commonwealth University (Richmond)
- _____ Virginia Tech (Blacksburg)

“I agree that all information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I grant permission to Catholic Diocese of Richmond to contact all parties that it deems necessary to verify the accuracy of the information given.”

Signed Date

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Campus Ministry Fellowship Essay Prompt

We wish to hear more about you and your life experiences. Your candid answers to the following prompt will help both you and the Catholic Diocese of Richmond examine your readiness to make the commitment to our college campus ministry programs and to carry out effective ministry. **Question response should be between 1,000 and 1750 words.**

Prompt: Talk about how you would approach campus ministry as a diocesan fellow:

- Share about experiences that have impacted your approach to ministry.
- Talk about what you can uniquely bring to a campus and where you might need support.
- Think about the major impediments to evangelization present on college campuses – what strategies would you employ to share Christ with students.

Campus Ministry Fellowship Project Proposal

We want to know what ideas you have for Campus Ministry based on your experiences as a college student and give you an opportunity to put some of those ideas into action. Please submit a project that you would like to work on over the course of the 2-year fellowship. The project can be working to improve a currently existing program or could be a new idea; it could be a project for an individual campus, or it can be a diocesan project. **Your Project Proposal should be no more than 250 words.** Make sure to include the problem you are trying to solve or challenge you are wanting to face and why it is important to campus ministry. Please note: *you may be accepted as a fellow even if your project is not accepted as is.*