



## ZELINDA LEBOUTILLIER CHARITABLE FOUNDATION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### I. SUMMARY SHEET

(One page only. This page will be shared with Grant Committee Members.)

Date: March 7, 2024

#### Contact Information:

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Has your nonprofit previously applied to the Community Foundation: Yes  No

#### Field/s of Interest:

Arts, Culture and Humanities       Environment/Animal Welfare       Health  
 Human Services       Education       Religion

#### Organizational Information:

Geographic Area Served (If not all of Chester County, specify primary Chester County municipalities served):  
While the great majority of Shanahan students are from Chester County, there are a few students from Berks, Delaware, Lancaster, and Montgomery Counties

Annual # of Clients & Description of Population Served: Bishop Shanahan High School currently has 876 students, grades 9-12. The 2024-2025 student population is also projected to be 876.

#### Mission Statement:

Bishop Shanahan High School, a Catholic co-educational secondary school of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, committed to sustaining excellence, provides a strong spiritual life, along with challenging academic and rich extracurricular programs. A strong witness to Christian values and commitment to academic rigor and integrity prepare all students to be critical thinkers and moral stewards in a rapidly evolving global environment.

#### Organization Description:

Annual Budget \$10,709,162  
76 % of budget for program expenses  
23 % of budget for administrative expenses  
1 % of budget for fundraising expenses  
100 % total

74# of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff  
16# of Board Volunteers  
400 # of Active Non-Board Volunteers  
4,000 # of Volunteer Hours



Top 3-5 funding sources:

***Proposal Information:***

Grant Amount Requested: \$ 5,000

Summary Description of Grant Purpose:

Bishop Shanahan respectfully requests the foundation's consideration for a \$5,000 grant for the 2024-2025 to help families with tuition assistance and to ensure that Zelinda LeBoutillier's legacy of helping students at Bishop Shanahan High School continues.



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## **Grant Proposal - Zelinda LeBoutillier Charitable Foundation**

Great things are happening at Bishop Shanahan High School every day! The girls' basketball team recently won the district championship; the fine arts students are performing the dramedy *I Hate Shakespeare*; newly established "enrichment periods" are allowing students to experience new and different extracurricular activities; a freshman student won the state championship in the DECA business club tournament; our STEM team has been named a finalist in the PennDot Innovations Challenge; and students recently participated in a "Random Acts of Kindness Week." These happenings are just a small sampling of the opportunities available to Shanahan students. In order for students to have this kind of high school experience, the tuition at Bishop Shanahan must be affordable to all! Tuition assistance was always near and dear to Linda LeBoutillier's heart and making tuition affordable to deserving students was part of her legacy.

Bishop Shanahan High School's partnership with Linda and Roberts "Bo" LeBoutillier began 28 years ago in 1996. As business owners and members of the local community, they very generously supported a campaign to build a new school facility in Downingtown, PA and then showed further support by offering tuition assistance to students in need. After Roberts' death, Linda established a memorial scholarship in his memory to help even more Shanahan students attain a Catholic education. In 2005, Linda joined the Advisory Board of Bishop Shanahan High and for five years, she helped with program initiatives and strategic planning to ensure the future of the school. During this time, she continued to provide financial assistance to students, even contributing to the Roberts' LeBoutillier Memorial Scholarship just three months prior to her own passing in 2011.

Many people see the affluence of Chester County and find it hard to imagine that so many families from this county need financial aid, but with the rising cost of tuition throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the current economic conditions, it has become an inevitable reality. During the current school year, 32% of Bishop Shanahan students received need-based tuition assistance totaling \$915,121 in awards.

As families submit applications for tuition assistance for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year, we can see that the need for assistance continues to increase. To date we have documentation that families have a total need of \$1,937,100 in demonstrated need (a 20% increase over this time last year), and tuition assistance applications will continue to be received for the next six months. Therefore, we know the amount of demonstrated need is sure to increase significantly before the start of the next school year. Shanahan strives to offer tuition assistance to as many families as possible; however, the funding resources are limited.

Bishop Shanahan respectfully requests the foundation's consideration for a \$5,000 grant for the 2024-2025 academic year to help two to five students with tuition assistance and ensure that Zelinda LeBoutillier's legacy of helping the young men and women at Bishop Shanahan High School continues.