

## Position Summary

### Program Officer for Education

#### The Organization

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Inspired by its Catholic heritage, Connelly Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life in the Philadelphia region by supporting charitable organizations in the areas of education, human services, culture, and civic life that strengthen resilience and help people to flourish. Since its founding in 1955, the Connelly Foundation (Foundation) has been a responsive and proactive grantmaking organization awarding grants to nonprofits in the Philadelphia region that demonstrate outstanding performance in meeting community needs. The work of the Foundation is principally driven by its founders' John and Josephine Connelly's personal charitable principles, with an emphasis on strengthening Catholic education, and providing help and opportunity to the needy. Connelly Foundation helps nurture resiliency, self-improvement, and personal independence, partnering with schools, community and faith organizations, job-training programs, and other organizations that provide vital educational, economic, cultural, civic, religious, and social support services.

#### Education Program

The Foundation views education as a primary pathway to opportunity and devotes the majority of its funding each year to education-related causes, particularly PreK–12 Catholic education. The Philadelphia region maintains the third largest Catholic school population in the United States, with more than 150 schools serving approximately 60,000 students from every socioeconomic background. The Foundation is committed to increasing access to high quality Catholic education and supporting schools in their pursuit of excellence in principal leadership, teacher development, curriculum advancement, and financial sustainability.

#### Position Overview

The Connelly Foundation is seeking a dynamic and entrepreneurial professional to serve as a Program Officer within its Education portfolio, which maintains an annual budget of more than \$6 million devoted to scholarships, grants and Foundation initiatives. Reporting to the Vice President for Grantmaking, the Program Officer will work collaboratively with colleagues and partners to advance strategies that promote positive trends for PreK–12 Catholic schools in the Philadelphia area, including enrollment growth; improved academic standards and achievement; strong leadership; better financial health and business practices; and solid student outcomes.

The Program Officer will build strong relationships with a wide range of schools, individuals, and educational organizations in order to inform and strengthen the Foundation's education grantmaking. This individual will have enthusiasm for Catholic education in the Philadelphia region and commitment to the mission critical work of the Foundation. The ideal candidate will bring knowledge and understanding of Catholic education, strong written and verbal skills, ability to engage and create with executives, and the ability to function in a highly collaborative culture at an institution that aspires to the highest of standards.

#### Contact Information

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