

NATURE AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES OF APPLICANT

Non-Profit and Educational Nature

It is the intent of the applicant to operate the proposed station in a manner consistent of Subpart G of Part 73 of the Commission's Rules.

The applicant, a non-profit organization, was chartered by the Maryland General Assembly (the state legislature) on April 23, 1884, to, among other purposes, "apply their means to gratuitous, religious as well as general education". A photographic copy of the handwritten charter granted by the State of Maryland is attached to FCC Form 318 Exhibit 2 as a separate PDF.

The applicant's headquarters are at 2612 Wilkens Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21223, and have been since 1932. This location is described by NAD27 geographic coordinates 39° 16' 45" North Latitude and 76° 39' 25" West Longitude. The antenna is to be installed at the top of a bell tower on the property at 2612 Wilkens Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, so the headquarters of the applicant is well within 10 miles of the proposed antenna location.

As we understand Section 73.853 of the FCC's Rules and Regulations, since the applicant's headquarters have been located within 10 miles of the proposed antenna location for more than the past two years, the applicant qualifies as an "established local applicant" for purposes of the so-called point system.

In *Columbia Bible College Broadcasting Co.*, 6 FCC Rcd 516 (1991), at paragraphs 9 and 10, the Commission stated that religiously-oriented applicants can meet the eligibility standards set forth in Section 73.503 of the Commission's Rules, where the applicant (1) proposes an overall educational program and (2) its proposed programming furthers its educational objectives. As can be seen by this Exhibit, the applicant has been in operation for the past eighty-plus years at the same location, has been in continuous operation for more than 24 months at the same location, and its purposes evidence an overall educational program.

Furtherance of Educational Objectives

The applicant is eligible pursuant to Section 73.503 to be a non-commercial licensee of the station covered by this application, because the applicant proposes programming which constitutes an overall educational program and the programming furthers the organization's educational objectives. In this case, the applicant intends to broadcast programs to further the educational purposes of the Benedictine Society of Baltimore City, which as noted above include "gratuitous, religious and general education".

The exact titles and subject matter of the programs will be determined at the time the proposed station is constructed and ready for operation.

The proposed low power FM station will work with local Roman Catholic parishes, catechism programs and organizations to assist their educational efforts with respect to teaching of the Catholic religion.

In sum, it is our objective to use the proposed radio station to provide a valuable educational resource for the residents of the portions of Baltimore City and Baltimore County, Maryland that the applicant seeks to serve.