

CANON LAW SOCIETY OF AMERICA

DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

DEADLINE IS APRIL 15

The Canon Law Society of America (CLSA) instituted a scholarship fund at its forty-seventh annual convention, in 1985. Through internal fundraising efforts on the part of CLSA members, the Licentiate Scholarship Fund was established in 1986, and so too was an annual appeal. After the successful growth of the Licentiate Scholarship Fund, monies were designated in 2014 to support candidates pursuing a JCD, and the Doctoral Scholarship Fund was established.

Like its predecessor, the Doctoral Scholarship Award varies from year to year depending on the total amount of funding available. Applications are processed through the CLSA administrative office, and a Board of Governors Sub-committee on Scholarship selects the recipient.

DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP TERMS

Each year a scholarship will be awarded to a qualified applicant, who is pursuing a doctorate in canon law and is enrolled in his/her residency and coursework year. The number of scholarships will be based upon the funds available and the number of qualified applicants.

1. Students enrolled in their residency/coursework year of a doctoral program in canon law may apply.
2. No applicant will be excluded by reason of age, race, sex, or canonical status in the Church. Preference will be given to, but not limited to, minority candidates.
3. Scholarship funds will be distributed over the course of a student's residency and coursework year.
4. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to a pontifical faculty of canon law upon presentation of invoices, vouchers, or other such documents. All material must be submitted to the administrative office. Scholarship awards are used to defray tuition costs only.

DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must demonstrate a true need for scholarship funding, namely, that they would not be able to pursue canonical studies without this financial assistance. Financial disclosure may be requested.

1. An applicant must be:
 - (a) in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church;
 - (b) recommended by their bishop, religious superior, or a diocesan officer;
 - (c) a citizen of the United States of America, and,
 - (d) pursuing a doctoral degree.
2. An applicant must demonstrate a level of professional competence and personal character compatible with the commonly accepted norms of canonical ministry.
3. An applicant is expected to commit himself or herself to five years of canonical work within the United States upon completion of a doctoral degree.
4. Each applicant must demonstrate appropriate scholarship aptitude for canonical studies.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Each applicant must file a Canon Law Society Scholarship Application **no later than April 15th** of the calendar year for consideration for the next funding year. Applications are sent to the **Canon Law Society of America, 415 Michigan Avenue, NE, Suite 101, Washington, DC 20017-4502.**

A COMPLETE APPLICATION INCLUDES:

- A completed application form;
- A resume/curriculum vitae of the applicant's academic training and professional experience;
- Transcripts from graduate schools and the applicant's licentiate program;
- A letter of acceptance/confirmation of doctoral residency and coursework
- A typed statement [no longer than two pages] from the applicant expressing: (1) the reasons for studying canon law; (2) the need for this CLSA scholarship; (3) the projected five-year plan for work as a canonist after graduation
- A letter of recommendation from one's bishop, religious superior, or a diocesan official;
- Three letters of recommendation, each addressing the applicant's academic ability and potential professional competence for canonical ministry.

After all completed paperwork (as described above) is received, the administrative office will acknowledge receipt to the applicant in writing.



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I. Personal Information

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Permanent Address: _____
Number and Street
City State Zip

Date of Birth (xx/xx/xxxx): _____ Social Security Number (xxx-xx-xxxx): _____

Religious Institutes/Diocese: _____

Cleric (Diocese): _____ Lay (Diocese): _____

Field of ministry in which you are presently engaged: _____

Faculty of Canon Law in which you are enrolled/accepted: _____

II. Educational Background

College/Location	Date Begun	Major	Degree	Date Awarded
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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III. Recommendations

Please list the name, title, and Diocese of the Bishop/Congregation Leader/Diocesan Officer from whom you requested a letter of recommendation.

Name Title Diocese



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III. Recommendations Continued

Please list the names and titles of those asked to submit a letter of recommendation

1. _____
Name Title

2. _____
Name Title

3. _____
Name Title

IV. Signature

Have you included?

- Resume/curriculum vitae
- Transcripts
- Typed Statement
- Letter of acceptance/enrollment
- Letter of recommendation from bishop, superior, or diocesan official
- Three letters of recommendation
- This completed AND signed application form

Signature of Applicant Date

Printed name of Applicant

All materials must be received and postmarked prior to **April 15th** and be submitted to:

**Canon Law Society of America
ATTN: CLSA Scholarship
415 Michigan Avenue, NE
Suite 101
Washington, DC 20017-4502**