

CANON LAW SOCIETY OF AMERICA
DOMESTIC SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION
(Information disponible en Anglais)

The Canon Law Society of America (CLSA) instituted a scholarship fund at its forty-seventh annual convention, in 1985. The Society initiated funding of the scholarship fund by internal funding among the CLSA members in 1986, and a yearly CLSA Scholarship Fund Appeal continues to the present. The award amount varies from year to year depending on the total amount of funding available. Applications are processed through the CLSA Office of the Executive Coordinator and the CLSA Scholarship Committee selects the recipient.

SCHOLARSHIP TERMS:

- Each year one scholarship will be awarded to one applicant who wishes to pursue a licentiate in canon law and who fulfills the other qualifications. Students already enrolled in a licentiate program may apply. The award will be prorated.
- 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.
- An applicant must be formally accepted or actually enrolled in a licentiate program in canon law at any pontifical faculty.
- Theological studies, even as prerequisites to canonical studies, do not qualify for funding.
- Scholarship funds will be distributed over the course of the student's program.
- Scholarship funds will be paid directly to a university or school of canon law upon presentation of bills, vouchers, or other such documents to the Office of the Executive Coordinator. Ordinarily, scholarships are used to defray tuition costs only.

DEADLINE: **April 15**

VALUE: The value of the award is based upon a percentage of the scholarship fund as of December 31st

ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicants must demonstrate a true need for scholarship funding, i.e. that they would not be able to pursue canonical studies without this financial assistance. Financial disclosure may be requested.
- An applicant must be: (a) in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church; (b) recommended by their bishop, religious superior, or a diocesan official; (c) a citizen of the United States, and (d) pursuing a licentiate degree.
- An applicant must demonstrate a level of professional competence and personal character compatible with the commonly accepted norms of canonical ministry.
- An applicant is expected to commit himself or herself to five years of canonical work within the United States upon completion of a licentiate degree.
- Each applicant must demonstrate appropriate scholarship aptitude for canonical studies. For the first year of study, formal acceptance by a university is sufficient evidence. For the subsequent years of study, the recipient must have maintained a "B" average, or its equivalent, in their first year, verifiable by the submission of transcripts.

Applications are sent to the:

CLSA Scholarship
Office of the Executive Coordinator
Hecker Center for Ministry, Suite 111
Washington, DC 20017-1102

A COMPLETE APPLICATION INCLUDES:

- A completed [application form](#);
- A resume/curriculum vitae of the applicant's academic training and professional experience;
- Transcripts from the undergraduate and graduate schools;
- A letter of acceptance by a faculty of canon law from a pontifical university for an applicant beginning the first year;
- 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.

For more information, visit: <http://www.clsa.org/?page=Scholarship>