

## **Canon Law Society of America Scholarship** *(Information disponible seulement en Anglais)*

Committed to the service of law and justice in the Church, the CLSA regularly awards scholarships to students pursuing a degree in canon law. The scholarship fund, for which an annual Lenten appeal is conducted, reflects the Society's pledge to educate further generations of canon lawyers.

**Deadline: April 15<sup>th</sup> (of every year);**

**Amount: Tuition Costs;**

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- 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 supervisor, or diocesan officer; (c) a citizen of the United States of America, 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 or doctorate degree;
- Each applicants must demonstrate appropriate scholarship aptitude for canonical studies. For the first year of licentiate study, formal acceptance by a university is sufficient evidence. For the subsequent years of licentiate study, the recipient must have maintained a "B" average, or its equivalent, in their first year, verifiable by the submission of transcripts.

### **Application Procedure:**

- A completed licentiate or doctoral form applications (the forms can be found on the website listed below);
- A resume/curriculum vitae of the applicant's academic training and professional experience;
- Transcripts from the undergraduate, graduate, or licentiate programs, per individual application instructions;
- A letter of acceptance/ enrollment by a faculty of canon law from a pontifical university, per individual application instructions;
- A types statement [no longer than two pages] from the application expressing: (1) the reason for studying canon law; (2) the need for CLSA scholarship; (3) the projected five-year plan for work as a canonist after graduation;
- A letter of recommendation, each addressing the applicant's academic ability and potential professional competence for canonical ministry;

- Application receipt will be acknowledged by the administrative office when all paperwork (as described above) has been submitted;

All applications must be submitted to:

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

For more information pertaining to this scholarship, the application process, and to access the application forms, please refer to the link below:

[https://canonlawsocietyofamerica.org/scholarship\\_applications/](https://canonlawsocietyofamerica.org/scholarship_applications/)