



LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

INSTITUTE OF PASTORAL STUDIES

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

All students seeking financial aid of any kind (loan, scholarship, etc.) should visit Loyola University Chicago's Financial Aid Office website (LUC.edu/finaid/). Follow the instructions to apply.

The Institute of Pastoral Studies (IPS) administers a limited set of its own scholarship and grant funds. To apply, you must include additional materials with your Statement of Purpose for your application for admission to IPS. Please read these instructions carefully! Early submission of your application for admission and materials for scholarship consideration is strongly encouraged.

Note that IPS scholarships and grants are gift awards made at the time of admission that do not need to be paid back. IPS awards merit scholarships and ministry grants on the basis of academic achievement, leadership, embodiment of the IPS mission, and commitment to social justice. These IPS scholarships and grants cover a portion of for-credit tuition only (they do not cover zero-credit course fees, administrative student fees, books, supplies, tuition for audited courses, etc.). These scholarships and grants cannot be combined with other scholarship or grants, whether administered by IPS, Loyola University Chicago, or external entities. A student who has received an IPS scholarship or grant upon admission will forfeit that award if other scholarships or grants are later accepted.

Each IPS scholarship and grant carries maintenance requirements that are detailed in the scholarship/grant offer letter sent to those students who receive an offer. Students who fail to comply with those requirements at any point during their time at IPS forfeit that particular scholarship entirely for all subsequent semesters.

IPS scholarship and grant funds are limited and consideration is given only to students who meet admission standards *and* submit supplemental materials as part of their application for admission (a resume and writing sample).

The Statement of Purpose is required for admission. If you are seeking an IPS scholarship or grant, however, then you must include additional items *all in one document*:

- **Statement of Purpose**
- **Resume**
- **Writing Sample**
 - 4-6 pages (1000-1500 words): a writing sample such as an excerpt from an academic paper or an item you have published. (Please include the title of the writing sample and the context in which it was written or published).
 - Or, if you do not have a writing sample, please submit a 500-word response to one of the following documents. *Please respond only to one* of the two questions posted for the document you select:
 - U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Called and Gifted for the Third Millennium (<http://www.usccb.org/about/laity-marriage-family-life-and-youth/laity/called-and-gifted-for-the-third-millennium.cfm>).
 - The USCCB document Called and Gifted for the Third Millennium describes four calls. Reflecting on your own experience(s), choose one of these calls and describe how it is revealed in your community's life.
 - The USCCB document Called and Gifted for the Third Millennium includes reflections on specific challenges faced by parish communities and their leaders. Which of these do you believe is most pertinent to your own community's context and future? What role do you believe that lay leaders in that community, perhaps including yourself, should play in working to face that challenge?
 - Martin Luther King, Jr., *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*, (<https://bri-wp-images.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/Letter-From-Birmingham-Jail.pdf>).
 - In his letter, Martin Luther King, Jr. observes: "We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." What do you understand King to mean by this statement and why do you think interdependence and mutuality are integral to the pursuit of justice?
 - What is the basis of King's argument against unjust laws and how does he justify his people's resistance to these laws?