



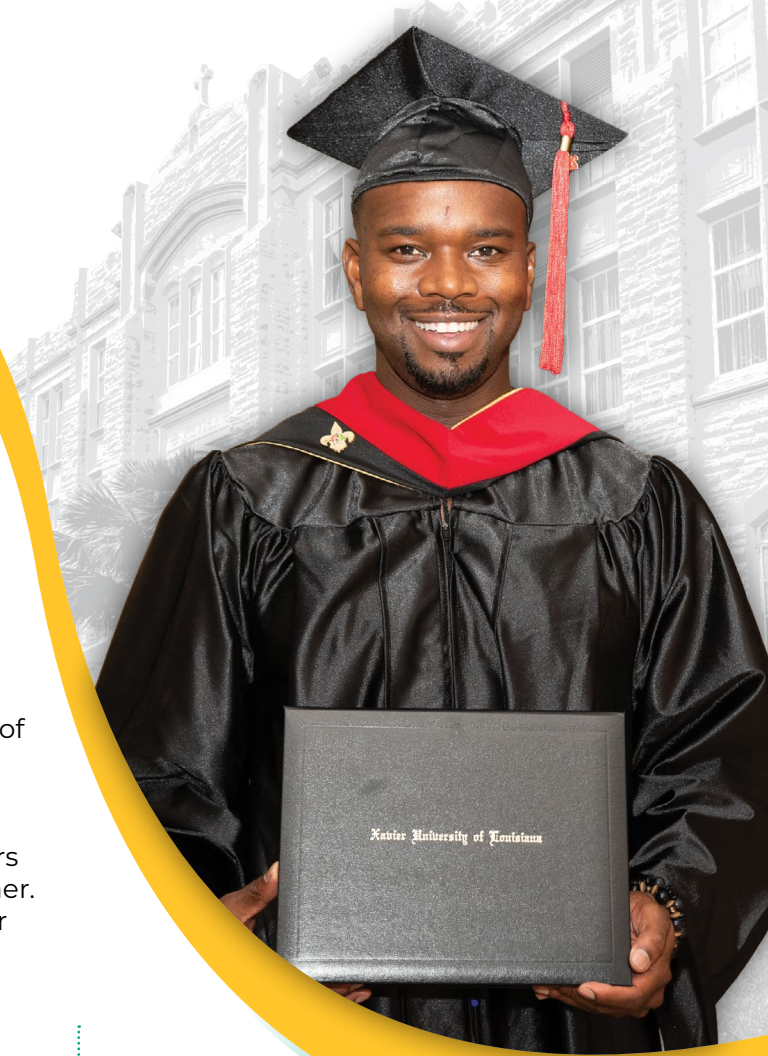
XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA
Institute for Black Catholic Studies

IBCS DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP 2024 APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Refer to the 2024 IBCS Fee Schedule to estimate the cost of fees and tuition for the upcoming Summer Session. With this figure in mind, assess how much you can contribute. Then seek financial support to help cover the remainder. Thanks to the generosity of benefactors, the Institute offers a limited number of need-based scholarships each summer. Please note that the IBCS scholarship can only be used for summer tuition and academic fees.

To apply for a IBCS Degree Scholarship 2024:

- **Enroll** in the IBCS and be accepted as a Degree student;
- Use this XULA Financial Aid link <https://xula.academicworks.com/> to apply online with requested ID, employment and basic income info; and
- upload **documentation to support the application:**
 1. A personal letter describing the circumstances of financial need and specific dollar request for IBCS scholarship assistance;
 2. Copy of applicant's most current W-2 income tax form(s);
 3. Three (3) letters of recommendation from parish/school/community leaders to attest to applicant's 1) commitment to Black Catholic theological study and 2) active involvement in evangelization, catechesis or other pastoral ministry in Black community church, parish or social justice setting;
 4. Latest transcript(s) of academic records, including the most recent IBCS transcript;
 5. For Th.M. students currently working on the practicum, a letter of support from the current Associate Director for the Degree Program.



NOTE: Applications submitted after the **March 18, 2024 deadline**, or with incomplete information or missing documentation are not guaranteed consideration for a 2024 scholarship award.

For more information or to apply, contact Dr. Kathleen Dorsey Bellow, IBCS Director, at kdbellow@xula.edu or Ms. Dana Lockett, IBCS Program Specialist at dlockett1@xula.edu.



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