



2026 IBCS DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

FALL 2025 Edition

Refer to the 2026 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.

Watch here for updated information to apply for a 2026 IBCS Degree Scholarship:

- **enroll** in the IBCS and be accepted as a Degree student; complete the XULA **online application** that will be posted in January 2026 with contact information, student ID, employment status and general income data; 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. Instructions for letters of recommendation can be found on IBCS website;
 - 4) Latest transcript(s) of academic records, including the most recent BCS 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: Updated IBCS Degree Program Scholarship Information and application will be available in January 2026. Applications submitted after the posted deadline, with incomplete information or missing documentation are not guaranteed consideration for a 2026 scholarship award.

For more information or to apply, contact the XULA Office of Student Financial Aid & Scholarships (504)520-7835 or jmiles@xula.edu.

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