



2026 IBCS DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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 be used for summer *tuition and academic fees only*.

To apply for a 2026 IBCS Degree Scholarship:

- **enroll** in the IBCS and be accepted as a Degree student;
- complete the **online application** <https://xula.scholarshipuniverse.com/student/dashboard> 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; NOTE: the quality of the letter matters;
 - 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 in Black community church, parish or social justice setting; See the IBCS website for Letter of Recommendation instructions;
 - 4) Latest transcript(s) of academic records, including the most recent IBCS transcript, if applicable;
 - 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 **APRIL 30, 2026 deadline**, or 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, jmiles@xula.edu or sneal3@xula.edu.

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