

# BISHOP MAHER CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

The *Bishop Maher Catholic Leadership Scholarship (BMCLS)* is intended to assist Catholic undergraduate men and women who have financial need and who have demonstrated leadership capabilities in their parish or within their Catholic community.

After review and recommendation from the BMCLS Committee, the University will award scholarships annually to incoming and continuing students. Scholarships normally range in value between \$500 and \$1500 per year, depending on the financial need of the recipient.

All Bishop Maher Catholic Leadership Scholarship applicants must have a cumulative minimum 3.0 GPA. Renewal Applicants will be reviewed based on the cumulative GPA at the end of the previous January Intersession.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE: FIRST TIME APPLICANTS

1. Complete the BMCLS Application (to the right), and return it directly to the USD Office of Financial Aid by the priority deadline: **March 2, 2012**.
2. All applicants must complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. All Admission and Financial Aid application forms must be completed by the priority deadline of **March 2, 2012**. See instructions in the **Guide to Applying/Reapplying for Financial Aid at USD for 2012-2013**.
3. All applicants must submit a letter to the BMCLS Committee c/o the USD Office of Financial Aid citing those past and current activities that give evidence of Catholic leadership and pastoral participation in a parish, community and/or academic setting. **Renewal applicants may include evidence of Catholic Leadership at USD.**
4. New applicants must also forward a letter of recommendation from the pastoral leader of their parish or Catholic community, which describes their leadership and/or service. This letter should be forwarded directly to the BMCLS Committee, USD Office of Financial Aid.
5. Incoming freshmen recipients, who will reside on campus, are strongly encouraged to live with other Maher Scholars in Maher Hall. Contact USD Housing if you receive a BMCL Scholarship and identify yourself as a Maher Scholar.

Bishop Maher Catholic Leadership Scholarships for first-time Freshmen applicants will be awarded when the application process has been completed. First-time Transfer applicants will be awarded soon thereafter. Applicants may receive an initial *Award Letter* (e-mail notification) and subsequent revisions prior to receiving notification of the BMCLS award.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE: RENEWAL APPLICANTS \*

1. Renewal applicants must complete the BMCLS Application (to the right) and return it directly to the USD Office of Financial Aid by the priority deadline of March 2, 2012.
2. Renewal applicants must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Priority is given to applicants who meet the priority deadline of March 2, 2012.
3. To be considered for a renewal scholarship each year a BMCLS recipient must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 by the end of the previous January Intersession.
4. Renewal applicants must submit a letter to the USD Office of Financial Aid, along with the BMCLS Application, describing those activities the applicant **participated in which demonstrate continued leadership or services in University Ministry, the parish or Catholic community**. Renewal applicants must submit this inform to the Office of Financial Aid by March 2, 2012.

## BISHOP MAHER CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(Important: Please Print Name)

USD ID# \_\_\_\_\_

USD email address \_\_\_\_\_@sandiego.edu

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

CELL ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH \_\_\_\_\_

DIOCESE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

For First-Time Applicants Only:

NAME OF PASTORAL LEADER OF PARISH  
OR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY WRITING  
LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:  
\_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE \_\_\_\_\_

UNITS COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_

# of USD units Completed \_\_\_\_\_

If you are receiving financial aid from USD check all that apply:

USD Merit Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_

USD Scholarship or Grant \_\_\_\_\_

Please check appropriate box to indicate your academic status during the 2012-2013 academic year:

FRESHMAN  SOPHOMORE  JUNIOR

SENIOR  TRANSFER STUDENT