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

After review and recommendation from the BMCLS Committee, the University will award scholarships, which normally range in value between $1,500 and $2,500 per year, depending on the financial need of the recipient.

Priority is given to Bishop Maher Catholic Leadership Scholarship applicants with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. Renewal Applicants will be reviewed based on the cumulative GPA at the end of the previous January Intersession. Incomplete or late applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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, 2016.


3. 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 the USD parish, community and/or academic setting.

4. Forward a BMCLS Recommendation Form from the pastoral leader of their parish or Catholic community, which describes their leadership and/or service. This form should be forwarded directly to the BMCLS Committee c/o USD Office of Financial Aid.

Bishop Maher Catholic Leadership Scholarship 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. 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, 2016.

2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Priority is given to applicants who meet the priority deadline of March 2, 2016.

3. Priority is given to renewal applicants with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 by the end of the previous January Intersession.

4. Submit a letter to the USD Office of Financial Aid with the BMCLS Application, describing those activities in which the applicant participated to demonstrate continued leadership or service in University Ministry, the parish or USD Catholic community. Those in leadership or services off campus must also submit a letter of recommendation from the parish contact. Renewal applicants must submit this information to the Office of Financial Aid by March 2nd, 2016.

Please return to: USD Office of Financial Aid
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