

The North American Forum on the Catechumenate Institute Scholarship Policies

Please give the complete Scholarship Packet to all who inquire. The Scholarship Packet includes the following:

- ◇ Institute Scholarship Policies
- ◇ Institute Scholarship Application
- ◇ Parish/ (Arch)Diocesan Recommendation

The Christiane Brusselman's Scholarship Program

The Christiane Brusselman's Scholarship Program was established on the belief that people should not be excluded from sharing the vision of the order of Christian initiation because of economic barriers. The Scholarship Program provides assistance to individuals in financial need, enabling their attendance at Forum institutes. Funding for the Scholarship Program comes from individual donations and an annual tithe from Forum.

Scholarship Applicants

Applicants for scholarships should be from economically disadvantaged parishes and/or dioceses. The financial need of the applicant should be reflected in the application. Forum encourages members of all ethnic/racial groups to apply for scholarships. Applications from parish teams are encouraged. First-time applicants who have never attended Forum institutes are given priority.

Scholarship Amounts

Scholarships are considered on a case-to-case basis. The amount awarded varies depending on: (1) the number of applicants, (2) the severity of financial need in a given diocese or geographic region, and (3) the amount of money in the scholarship fund. **Full Scholarships** include payment of tuition and room and board costs for Forum institutes. **Tuition-only scholarships** cover the costs of tuition fees.

The Application Process

- ◇ Complete the **Institute Registration Form** (*please note there is no need to send monies at this time; one registration form per applicant*) noting the specific deadline date for submitting the scholarship application.
- ◇ Complete the **Institute Scholarship Application** (*if applying as team, one parish or diocesan recommendation for team*).
- ◇ Have the **Parish/(Arch)Diocesan Recommendation** completed by your pastor, pastoral administrator, or your diocesan director of Christian initiation (*if applying as a team, one recommendation for the team*).
- ◇ **Fax (201-661-2862) or email (aleli@naforum.org) the completed forms**

Be sure to send no later than the deadline date (this date is listed on your institute brochure). Scholarship applications cannot be reviewed without all of the completed forms.

- ◇ You will receive acknowledgement that Forum has received your application. Forum will notify you of your award no later than one week after the scholarship deadline date.

Follow-Up

Forum asks that scholarship recipients submit a final report, reflecting on their institute experience, describing what they have learned, what they will take back to their parish, and how they will implement what was learned.

INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please tell us about yourself:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate (circle) your primary ethnic community: NATIVE AMERICAN AFRICAN AMERICAN

ASIAN CAUCASIAN HISPANIC OTHER: _____

Have you ever received a Forum scholarship before? No Yes

If yes, indicate Institute date and location: _____

Please tell us about your parish:

Your (Arch)diocese: _____

Your Parish: _____

Parish Address: _____

Parish Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Which best describes your parish (circle all that apply): SUBURBAN RURAL URBAN

Which describes your parish's economic status (circle one): POOR MIDDLE INCOME AFFLUENT

Approximate number of families in parish: _____

Please tell us about the Institute you want to attend:

Name of Institute: _____

Location: _____ Date of Institute: _____

Please indicate type of scholarship you are requesting:

Full tuition/room and board

Partial Scholarship

Will you be able to attend this institute if a scholarship is not available? Yes No

If only a partial scholarship is awarded, how much can you contribute toward the cost of tuition and room and board?

Have you requested funds from your parish and/or diocese? Yes No

If yes, what was the response: _____

If no, please consider approaching your pastor or diocesan office while your application is being reviewed. Please explain briefly why you would like to receive a scholarship for a Forum Institute. Please include a description of your parish initiation process (or ReMembering Church) and a statement of how attendance at this institute would benefit your parish process.

I understand that if awarded a scholarship to the Forum Institute I have requested to attend, I will be expected to submit an evaluation of how I plan to implement my experience in my parish situation. This evaluation will be sent to Forum within thirty (30) days of my participation. It is encouraged that this evaluation be done in consultation with my pastor and/or parish Catechumenate Director.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP PARISH/(ARCH)DIOCEAN RECOMMENDATION

Name of Applicant: _____

Your Name: _____

Parish/(Arch)diocesan Position: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Forum relies greatly on the honesty and integrity of your recommendation. If you have any hesitation—pastoral or financial—about recommending this applicant for a Forum scholarship, please do not do so. Thank you.

1. Briefly describe the pastoral and financial needs of the (arch)diocese regarding the implementation of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (or regarding ReMembering Church, if request is for that institute).

2. Briefly describe the pastoral and financial needs of the applicant's parish community regarding the implementation of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (or regarding ReMembering Church, if request is for that institute).

3. Briefly describe how the (arch)diocese has been/is willing to support the implementation of initiation (or reconciliation) ministry on the parish level, both ministerially and financially.

4. Please give your reasons for recommending this applicant for a scholarship to attend a Forum Institute.

Other Comments:

Signature: _____ Date: _____