

**If you wish to be considered for an IPS Scholarship, please submit the following items as part of your application for admission.**

- An up-to-date resume; and
  - A writing sample (see instructions below):
- A. Please submit a 4-6 page (1000-1500 words) writing sample such as an excerpt from an academic paper or an item you have published. (Please include the title of the writing sample and the context in which it was written or published).
- B. **Or**, if you do not have a writing sample, please submit a 500-word response to **one** of the following documents. Please respond to only **one** of the two questions posted for the document you select:
- I. U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Called and Gifted for the Third Millennium (<http://www.usccb.org/about/laity-marriage-family-life-and-youth/laity/called-and-gifted-for-the-third-millennium.cfm>).
1. The USCCB document Called and Gifted for the Third Millennium describes four calls. Reflecting on your own experience(s), choose one of these calls and describe how it is revealed in your community's life.
  2. The USCCB document Called and Gifted for the Third Millennium includes reflections on specific challenges faced by parish communities and their leaders. Which of these do you believe is most pertinent to your own community's context and future? What role do you believe that lay leaders in that community, perhaps including yourself, should play in working to face that challenge?
- II. Martin Luther King, Jr. Letter from a Birmingham Jail ([http://kingencyclopedia.stanford.edu/kingweb/popular\\_requests/frequentdocs/birmingham.pdf](http://kingencyclopedia.stanford.edu/kingweb/popular_requests/frequentdocs/birmingham.pdf)).
1. In his letter, Martin Luther King, Jr. observes: "We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." What do you understand King to mean by this statement and why do you think interdependence and mutuality are integral to the pursuit of justice?
  2. What is the basis of King's argument against unjust laws and how does he justify his people's resistance to these laws?

**Please submit your Resume on the IPS application for admission tab titled "Resume" and the written portion on the tab titled "Writing Sample." Please note this is in addition to the Statement of Purpose required for the IPS application for admission.**

**IPS Scholarship decisions will occur concurrently with the Admission process.**