

The Miguel Arias Scholarship

About Miguel Arias



Miguel Arias (1972–2012) dedicated his life to serving God and the Church. Miguel came to Chicago in the early 1990s with little but his seminary formation in Mexico. He washed dishes to pay bills, while at the same time forming a youth group at a Catholic church. Soon, he was an editor at the archdiocesan newspaper *Chicago Católico* and, then with only a beginning knowledge of English, became an editor at LTP and sensitized the agency to the Spanish-speaking community. Before long, he was earning a master's degree in liturgy at Catholic Theological Union while working full time. In 2003, Miguel began working at Loyola Press, where he developed, marketed, and edited Spanish titles. In 2011, Miguel returned to LTP to serve as editorial director. Throughout his many years of ministry, Miguel spread his love for God through his generous service and his never-ending fraternal joy. His vibrant spirit continues both in the works he edited at his desk and in the hearts of those who knew him and received the love of Jesus Christ that he radiated. Miguel Arias is survived by his wife Alma, daughter Betsaida, his father, and many brothers and sisters.

About the Miguel Arias Scholarship

The Miguel Arias Scholarship will offer opportunities for Spanish speakers to study the liturgy. The scholarship is named for Miguel Arias, a pioneer in the liturgical literacy of Spanish-speaking immigrants in the Catholic Church in the United States. Miguel's love for the liturgy was reflected in his dedication to

studying it, his passion in teaching it, and in his joyous way of relating to everyone around him. The Miguel Arias Scholarship will provide annual grants to Spanish-speaking individuals with the hope that they will minister to the faithful in Spanish-speaking communities in the United States.

The following parameters will be observed:

1. Up to \$5,000 in grants may be distributed per year, with the maximum grant allocation capped at \$2,500 per individual per year.
2. Once awarded a grant, applicants may continue to apply for the grant in future years.
3. Qualifying programs may take a variety of forms—including, but not limited to, an undergraduate or post-graduate degree in liturgy or with a focus in liturgy, continuing education courses in liturgy, or a diocesan certification program in liturgy.
4. Grant monies may be used for any or all expenses pertaining to a program, such as tuition or course materials.
5. Applications must be accompanied by a sponsor's letter of recommendation. The sponsor may be a parish or diocesan mentor.
6. The grants will be administered by the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions with funds provided by LTP.
7. Applications will be accepted from February 1 to March 31 each year. Awards will be reviewed by a committee and announced by May 1.



About LTP

The mission of **Liturgy Training Publications (LTP)** is to promote the liturgical formation of the faithful so all may "become thoroughly imbued with the spirit and power of the liturgy" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 14). When the faithful are formed in the liturgy, they more deeply enter into the mysteries we celebrate to be shaped as disciples of Christ. We understand the importance of liturgical formation and appreciate the need for training in Spanish, as well as encouragement for Spanish speakers to study the liturgy. With this goal in mind, a scholarship fund has been created to provide grants for Spanish speakers to be well formed in the Church's liturgy.

Funding for the scholarship

While Liturgy Training Publications will make a yearly contribution to this scholarship fund, we encourage other organizations and individuals to donate in order to increase the opportunity for members of the Spanish-speaking community to study the liturgy.

The Miguel Arias Scholarship Application

Applications are accepted from February 1 to March 31 each year.

INSTRUCTIONS

This PDF is editable. Please complete the information below. Please save the application and letter of recommendation as **"Arias-scholarship-application-your-name"**

and email it to nationaloffice@fdlc.org or mail it to

FDLC National Office | 415 Michigan Avenue, Suite 70 | Washington, DC 20017

Submission Date _____ Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Diocese _____ Parish _____

Parish Address _____ Parish City/State/Zip _____

Diocesan or Parish Recommendation:

Name _____ Email _____

Amount Requested (please note: the maximum amount per individual is \$2,500) \$ _____

This scholarship will be used toward:

- Undergraduate degree in liturgy or focus in liturgy Post-graduate degree in liturgy or focus in liturgy
 Ongoing education Diocesan certificate program in liturgy or equivalent

Name of Educational Institution _____

Please name the degree, ongoing education course, or certificate program.

Please complete the following. You may use additional pages if necessary.

Why are you interested in studying the liturgy?

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The Miguel Arias Scholarship Application (continued)

What do you hope to do with the education you will receive?

Why do you feel the liturgical formation of the faithful is important, particularly of the Spanish-speaking community in the United States?