

Application for Ryle Scholar
Amended-Deadline-April 1, 2011

The [Monsignor Edward J. Ryle Fund](#) was established in 2005 by friends, colleagues and admirers of its namesake in an effort to honor his life and emulate his leadership. The explicit mission of the Ryle Fund is to stimulate dialogue and support projects that promote systemic change to improve the lives of the people of Arizona. To this end the Fund will educate and converse in an intellectual, scholarly way around public policy issues affecting the common good. The Fund will be a catalyst and convener of diverse audiences of leaders, future leaders and decision-makers. Msgr. Ryle worked tirelessly to bring the voice of faith to the discussion of just and humane public policy in the state of Arizona. Community leaders from all parties appreciated and respected his work on behalf of the poor, the children, the elderly, and all those who have no voice. In order to continue his legacy, the Board of the Ryle Fund established the **Ryle Scholar** program to provide scholarships for graduate level study that will combine the moral and ethical tenets of one's faith with a commitment to peace and justice through work in the area of public policy.

The finalist who is chosen will attend Seattle University's [School of Theology and Ministry](#) which offers a Master of Arts in Transformational Leadership. This degree is "customized for the person seeking to help lead the world to a place of greater justice and more abiding peace." After discussions with administration and a visit with faculty and students it was clear that their program coincided with our stated objectives. The Board will work with the School to make arrangements for admission and to coordinate curriculum electives so that the student's studies continue to fulfill the Board's overall goal. The scholarship will pay* for tuition, room, board, and books for the chosen student during the course of study, 18-24 months. After graduation the recipient will be required to work in Arizona for a minimum of two years in the area of public policy.

*Note regarding finances:

The Scholarship will be set up as a forgivable loan that is paid off after two years of service in Arizona. Tuition and book fees will be paid directly to Seattle University. Housing expenses will be paid to the recipient with a monthly cap established. Food expenses may be handled through the University food service.

The deadline for receiving applications is April 1, 2011. Applications will be reviewed in February and five finalists will be chosen for an interview. Background checks will be conducted for all finalists (for which we will need permission). The final selection will be made by May 1, 2011 and the person chosen will begin course work in the fall of 2011.

If you are interested in applying for the Ryle Scholar program, please review the minimum requirements and send us the information requested below.

Minimum Requirements for application to Ryle Scholar Program:

- Bachelor's degree
- GPA of at least 2.75
- 2 years of related experience (social services, ministry and/or education)
- Active member of a faith community
- Willing to attend Seattle University's School of Theology and Ministry
- Committed to return for 2 years to Arizona and work in the area of public policy
- Comfortable with working as an advocate for the poor

Send a résumé or similar form that includes the following information:

- Personal Information
- Educational Information
- Employment History
- Three (3) reference letters (including one from a faith leader)
- Statement of language abilities

Please submit an essay (maximum 1,000 words) that addresses the following questions:

How does faith encourage your work for social justice or advocacy for the poor?

Why would this degree be important to you?

What are some ways you would like to use this degree?

You may e-mail your application to:

info@rylefund.org

You may send your application via US Post to:

The Monsignor Edward J. Ryle Fund

PO Box 45480

Phoenix, AZ 85064

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Thank you
