

American Cusanus Society: Grant Policies and Procedures

The Society frequently receives requests for funding to support either travel to ACS conferences (at Gettysburg, Kalamazoo, and RSA) or publication of scholarship on Nicholas of Cusa and his times. The following are the Society's policies adopted in 2013 and the means by which eligible individuals can apply for these funds. (Funds for both types of grants are drawn from the annual dues of ACS members. Please join or renew your membership!)

Travel Grant Policy

The American Cusanus Society will support travel to conferences where it sponsors sessions and to its Gettysburg events. Eligibility is as follows:

- For junior scholars (including graduate students, PhDs without jobs, and junior professors without tenure or in Europe), the Society will offer up to \$500.00 USD to cover travel costs.
- For senior scholars from overseas, the Society will offer up to \$1,000.00 USD to cover travel costs.

Travel costs include airfare and lodging up to the maximum. No one may apply for three years who has been awarded such a grant, though the Executive Committee is free to change or modify these restrictions. Travel grants will be awarded by the Treasurer, subject to a majority vote of the Executive Committee. To apply, please send an email stating your request and confirming your eligibility to the Secretary at: americancusanussociety@gmail.com.

Subvention Grant Policy

Academic presses sometimes require authors to subsidize production costs of scholarly books. These costs often are written into publication contracts. The American Cusanus Society has modest funds available for scholarly subventions. Because funds are limited, the following guidelines apply:

- Subventions are provided for books concerned with Nicholas of Cusa under contract with scholarly publishers. They are not provided for costs related to research or manuscript *preparation* prior to submission to publishers.
- Subventions are provided for initial publication only, not for subsequent editions or reissued titles.
- Priority is given junior faculty or independent scholars publishing on Cusanus.
- Faculty who have substantial dedicated research funds should expend those funds before seeking a subvention unless not permitted to use the funds for this purpose.
- If the book will earn royalties, the Society is to be compensated up to the sum of the subvention.

To apply for a book subvention, please submit your request in writing to the Secretary of the Society at americancusanussociety@gmail.com. The request should include a copy of the book contract, an abstract of the book, and a request from your editor (email is sufficient) for the subvention. The Executive Committee of the Society will serve as the reviewers of the application. Upon approval, the Treasurer of the Society will provide the necessary funds to the publisher.