

Knights of Columbus

"In Service to One, In Service to All"

For over 125 years, the Knights of Columbus has served our communities, our Church and our fellow man, in an effort to better society as a whole.



Knights of Columbus Affiliated Scholarship Application Rules Must be received by 9:00 pm on contest end date

It is the intent of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 9967 to establish a scholarship fund to help Holy Trinity Parishioners pay a portion of their education tuition fees. Students entering or in business schools, community colleges, undergraduate 4-year colleges or universities are eligible. ***Our scholarships are NOT based on financial need and are NOT based on past academic achievement.*** Our award is intended to help those individuals that believe they are worthy of such an award by successfully completing the application requirements below, providing a thoughtful response to the essay question and being chosen as the winner. ***Multiple awards will be given in this category so good luck!***

The Knight of Columbus Affiliated College Scholarship:

A scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to a graduating from high school senior or a young adult applicant(s) accepted for enrollment at a nationally accredited two or four-year College, or an accredited vocational or technical school in the United States. Freshman, 1st year, applicants already attending above mentioned schools progressing into the grade of sophomore are also eligible. This scholarship award is designed to assist an applicable member of the Knights of Columbus or said members children or grandchild.

Application requirements:

Applicants must be a high school senior planning to attend college following high school, or a current 1st year college student progressing from freshman year of study to sophomore year of study **no older than 25 years of age by the application submission deadline date.** The applicant may be a Knight of Columbus or be affiliated to a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 9967 by being within the Knights immediate family (child) or their grandchild. ***Immediate family is defined as (child) the son or daughter, stepchild, foster child, or adopted child of a member of the Knight of Columbus Council 9967 in good standing as determined by the council or to a deceased Knight of said council.*** When applying for this scholarship, please make sure that you thoroughly understand the guidelines and stipulations for it. If you apply but do not meet the criteria for this certain scholarship, your application will not be considered.

A person can win this scholarship only twice during their entrance as a freshman to an accredited institution and or their continued enrollment as a sophomore in an accredited college institution

Amount:

The amount of the award will be \$1,000. The award will be paid **directly to the school** identified in the winning letter of acceptance.

Application Deadline:

Applications and all required documents for submission in the scholarship competition for the current academic school year must be received by email no later than 9:00 P.M. Central Standard Time on the last day of the competition. **There are NO EXCEPTIONS to this rule.** The date and time stamped by our receiving email inbox validates compliance. Applicants will be notified by email by the Knights of Columbus Activities Director after receiving their applications for consideration.

Where to start:

- Follow **all** rules below when completing and submitting applications for scholarship consideration
- There will be no hand carried or printed submissions accepted. Please do not turn any documents into the church office**
- All submission documents must be emailed** to the kc9967scholarship@gmail.com *Email box before the competition ends at 9:00pm Central Standard Time on the last day of the competition*
- Advantage note. Applicants are highly encouraged (but not required) to submit a chronological list of church related, school related, and/or community service/stewardship activities the applicant has participated in within the past academic year with a brief explanation of the activity to possibly aid to the amount of points given per submission. **Again, this is not required, but highly encouraged**
- Please fill in your answers (**electronically, using your computer**) to all the questions in the scholarship application. Scholarship applicants must comply with all applicable deadlines published for all candidates. Any false statements or misrepresentations made by the scholarship applicant may be grounds for disqualification from the scholarship competition
- The essay and service activity must be electronically typed and submitted via email along with the applicant's application
- Please email the completed application form, applicant's 500 word essay, documentation of acceptance to an approved school, and the highly encouraged community service record to kc9967scholarship@gmail.com by the deadline identified above

Essay Rules:

Students must submit a typewritten essay. Essays will be evaluated anonymously on the following the rules below, the style, grammar, clarity of content, innovation, creativity, and conformity with the topic or main idea according to the following guidelines:

1. The essay must be the applicants own work, original and unique content. No plagiarism or copyright infringement will be accepted. Previously published or awarded material will not be accepted
2. No more than 500 words and no less than 450 words, typewritten. **Please note! Submissions with less than 450 words or more than 500 words will be disqualified from the competition**
3. At the end of the essay, (outside of the 500-word requirement) the applicant must include "One verse or passage from the Bible that, inspires them, motivates them, or heals their heart & soul"
 - 3.1. It must include the Name of Bible, Testament, Book, Chapter and verse from the Bible and the reason the applicant choose the verse. (i.e. New Revised Standard Version (NRSV), Old Testament, Genesis, Chapter 1, verse 2)
4. The essay must be typed (electronically, using your computer) in Times New Roman font, 12 point size, double spaced, with 1 inch margins, to include top and bottom
5. The essay must be marked with page numbers
6. The essay must be submitted in either Microsoft Word ".docx" or Adobe Acrobat ".pdf" saved formats. **We are sorry, but we will NOT accept any other types of formatted documents**
7. Do not include in the body of the essay your name, the name of your school or school you are planning to attend, or any reference that will identify you to the essay judging committee
8. Submit two copies of your essay (**Yes...!!This means two copies of your submission**)
 - 8.1 One copy must include a cover sheet with the applicant's name and the name of the

scholarship they are applying for (**centered within the middle of the cover sheet**)

8.2 Second copy of their essay must not contain any personal (name recognition) in it and be submitted with no cover sheet

9. Parishioners under the age of 18, on the last day of the competition, must have parental verification and validation that the work to be submitted is their child's work. **The below statement must be added to their cover sheet and both the parent, and the child names and parent phone number must be present:**

“We certify with our names below; the attached essay is the work of the applicant. Produced by the applicant and has not otherwise been edited, revised, duplicated or copied from any other sources.”

Applicant first & last name (centered under statement)

Parent or Guardian first and last name and telephone number (centered under child's name)

Note: Failure to complete this step may disqualify the applicant from the competition.

10. The duplicate copy of the essay must be attached to the original email submission. It must **NOT** have a cover sheet or any parishioner identifying information contained within, nor the statements of authenticity from the parent or guardian.

Judging Process explained:

The completed essays will be assigned a number by the scholarship competition chairperson and will be sent to volunteer judges (non-Holy Trinity Catholic Church members). All essays submitted will become the property of Knights of Columbus Council 9967. ***Please note: The Knight of Columbus Council 9976 reserves the right to make all final decisions regarding eligibility and interpretation of the rules.*** In the event for any reason the winners do not meet all eligibility requirements the runner up in same scholarship category will receive the scholarship.

Winner determination:

This award will be won on the basis of the (best score) winning essay and possibly the community service record, which is highly encouraged (**but not required**), submitted from the combined number of judges will determine the winner(s) of each scholarship category. Funds are applicable for tuition only and will be paid directly to the school. If you apply but do not meet the criteria for the particular scholarship, your application will not be considered

Winner notification:

Winning applicants will be notified via email and or by a phone call with a congratulatory letter ready for school submission in applicant's graduation announcements. This notification is scheduled to take place no later than the end of the 2nd week of May. The winning applicant(s) will be required to complete an additional school identification form identifying the school payee account number, school's address and the applicant's school student number.