



Meetings
Second Wednesday

Knights of Columbus

ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL, No. 3814
199 River Road
New Milford, New Jersey 07646

2020 Scholarship Program



The Award

\$1,000 Scholarships will be awarded to two (2) deserving students who exemplify the Knights of Columbus commitment of service to the church, school, and community. Awards will be paid jointly to the student and the educational institution. Awards are non-renewable.



Eligibility

The applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen
- 8th grade student at the time of application who will be, or is planning, to attend an accredited Catholic High School in the fall of 2020
- Applicant and family is registered with St. Joseph Parish in Oradell, NJ or Ascension Parish in New Milford, NJ
- Recipient will be required to sign a release allowing St. Joseph Council to publicize the award



Application Process

To apply, applicants must complete the attached scholarship application form. Additional applications can be downloaded from our website at www.kofcstjoseph.org. Applicants should type or print clearly and use only the space provided on the form to answer the questions. Other than specified below, no attachments, pictures or other materials should be submitted.

- The application must be completed in its entirety and submitted with a typed essay response.
- The applicant and his/her parent or guardian must sign the Certification and Release Authorization on the last page of the application form.
- The application, essay, and letters of recommendation must be returned to St. Joseph Council by **Tuesday, June 30, 2020**. If any portion is incomplete or missing, the application will not be considered.



Selection Process

Selection will be based on both subjective criteria and weighted, objective criteria. These include extracurricular activities focusing on service to the church, school, and community.



Application Deadline

Completed applications must be returned to St. Joseph Council and **postmarked no later than Tuesday, June 30, 2020**. Winners will be notified in July. For additional information contact Jeff Walters at 201-925-7174.



Scholarship Applicant Information

- **This application will not be considered unless all information is completed on this form only, and all requested documentation is provided.** Please type or print clearly, and use only the space provided on this form to answer the questions. Do not attach any resumes, pictures or other material of any kind to answer the questions.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone () _____ E-mail _____

Grade School _____ Anticipated Graduation Date ____ / ____ / ____

Name of Catholic High School You Plan to Attend _____

Parish _____ Parish Family ID Number _____

I. Charitable and Volunteer Activities for the Church, School, and Community

Please list church and community activities and volunteer work. Include level of involvement, year(s) of participation, and contact name. Use this space only.

Examples: altar server, scouting, community service projects, community volunteerism, religious youth groups.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

II. Awards and School Honors

Please list awards and honors and year(s) of participation. Use this space only.

Examples: honor roll, Beta Club, Principal's awards, science fair awards, student/athlete awards, Scout rank.

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |

III. School Activities

Please list school activities and year(s) of participation. Use this space only.

Examples: sports teams, clubs, band, drama, choral, orchestra, yearbook, school newspaper, tutoring.

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |

IV. Leadership Positions Held (elected or appointed)

Please list leadership positions held and the year(s) of participation. Use this space only.

Examples: class officer, club officer, sports team leader, scouting leader, student government officer, music/orchestra chair.

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |

V. Paid Employment

Please list each job separately and indicate the year(s) employed and hours per year. Use this space only.

Examples: part-time jobs, babysitting.

1. _____
2. _____

VI. Letters of Recommendation

You may attach up to three (3) personal references or recommendations in sealed envelopes.

Circle the number of recommendations attached: **None** **1** **2** **3**

VII. Special Financial Considerations

Explain any special family circumstances that affect the financial situation at home.

Examples: family illness or unemployment, siblings in private high school or college, support of a grandparent.

VIII. Essay

Please use a separate sheet of paper to respond to the following question. Your response should be typed, between 300-500 words, and should include your full name in the top right corner.

Topic:

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Founded in the United States in 1882, it is named in honor of Christopher Columbus. There are more than 1.8 million members in 14,000 councils worldwide. The Knights of Columbus organization is dedicated to the principles of **Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism**. **Pick one of the Order's principles and explain the value of that principle - include examples of the principle and the impact on society, and your interpretation of the principle and how you have demonstrated it in your life.**

IX. Certification and Release Authorization

The following information must be completed for the applicant to be considered for a scholarship award. *I certify this information is true, complete and accurate. I also authorize the release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application. I agree to use any scholarship funds awarded at an accredited Catholic High School educational institution.*

Student Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date ____/____/____



Application Submittal

Send completed applications postmarked no later than **Tuesday, June 30, 2020** to:

2020 Scholarship Program
Attn: Jeff Walters
St. Joseph Council No. 3814 Knights of Columbus
199 River Road
New Milford, NJ 07646



Application Processing *(For St. Joseph Council Use Only)*

Committee Member Name _____ Score _____ Date ____/____/____

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Scholarship Committee Score _____ **Date** ____/____/____ **Rank** _____