

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JAMES AND ST. ANTHONY COUNCIL NUMBER 525
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Knights of Columbus St. James and St. Anthony Council Number 525 has established a Scholarship program to support students who seek an education rooted in Catholic principles and traditions. This program will make monetary awards to graduating eighth grade students who have accepted enrollment in a Catholic High School, to assist with the cost of their education. The program is open to all eighth grade students of St. James Grammar School, St. James CCD religious education program, and St. Anthony's CCD religious education program.

The Scholarship Committee of the Council will be solely responsible for selecting students who will each receive a one-time monetary award toward High School expenses. Selection will be made based upon academic performance, as well as extra-curricular activities in the community and the Church. The Council will receive, review and evaluate applications submitted by interested students by the announced application deadline and select awardees from these applications. The amount and number of individual scholarship awards will be based upon the funding the Council has authorized, the quality of the applications, and may vary from year to year. The goal is to make at least one award from each of the educational institutions listed above. No guarantee is made that the scholarship awards will be made each year, and the Council may suspend the program at any time.

Any questions can be emailed to scholarship@kofc525.org

The following criteria have been established to manage the Scholarship Program:

- The applicant must be an eighth grade student enrolled in St. James Grammar School, St. James CCD Religious Education Program, or St. Anthony's CCD Religious Education Program.
- The applicant must have been accepted at a Catholic High School and provide confirmation of completed enrollment and registration for the coming school year.
- The Applicant must submit an essay on one of the topics indicated on the application. Typed submission is preferred but neatly hand written submissions are acceptable.
- The applicant must have his/her application signed by a parent or guardian.
- The application must be accompanied by at least one letter of recommendation from a member of the student's current school or a member of the community attesting to the student's character.
- The application must be accompanied by a transcript or copy of the most recent Report of Grades showing acceptable academic performance.

The Application process will be as follows:

- Application forms can be downloaded from the Council's website www.kofc525.org.
- Completed applications with all attachments and endorsements must be returned **electronically in PDF file format** by the due date.
- After review of all applications, awards will be presented at an appropriate venue.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

NAME: LAST _____ FIRST _____ MI _____

ADDRESS: STREET _____

TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE: (____) _____ -- _____

DATE OF BIRTH: MONTH _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SCHOOL: (CHECK ONE) ST.JAMES _____ ST. JAMES CCD _____ ST. ANTHONY CCD _____

COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT: Please list your community activities. These can be Scouting, Volunteer Activities such as Assisting Neighbors, Assisting at Food Banks, Tutoring, etc. (Use additional sheets if necessary.)

ORGANIZATION	DATE SERVICE STARTED	DATE SERVICE ENDED	HOURS PER MONTH	CONTACT NAME	CONTACT PHONE

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CHURCH INVOLVEMENT: Please list your Church related activities. These can be Acting as an Alter Server, singing in a choir, participating in a Church sponsored youth group, volunteering at your school to help with class activities, mentoring younger students, etc. (Use additional sheets if necessary.)

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITONS: Please list any awards or recognition you may have earned or received from any organizations for service or for any accomplishments you have done. Examples are Certificates of Appreciation for volunteering at a food pantry, hospital, or other service organization, perfect attendance at school or CCD, completing requirements for awards from organizations such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts of America etc. (Use additional sheets if necessary.)

ORGANIZATION	AWARD OR RECOGNITION

ESSAY TOPIC:

Please submit an essay (maximum of 300 words) on the topic indicated. If typed, please use minimum of 11 point font, double spaced.

- What does belonging to the Catholic Church mean to me?
- How does my faith affect my attitude towards those different than me?
- How do I expect to continue to serve my Church or community while in High School?
- How has the pandemic affected my life or education in unexpected ways?

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- The Knights of Columbus foster Patriotism in its members. How does Patriotism impact my daily life?
- The Knights of Columbus foster charity in its members. Please describe how you have exemplified Charity in your daily life.

DOCUMENTATION:

- Attach a copy of your high school acceptance letter, proof of enrollment
- Attach a copy of your latest report card or transcript from your current school
- Attach letter(s) of recommendation
- Attach your completed essay

BY COMPLETING, ENTERING YOUR NAME AND SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION, I ATTEST THAT ALL THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I FURTHER CONFIRM THAT I HAVE ENROLLED IN A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR.

APPLICANT: _____ **DATE** _____

PARENT: _____ **DATE** _____

I CONFIRM THAT THE ABOVE NAMED APPLICANT IS A STUDENT IN GOOD STANDING AT

_____ **SCHOOL/CCD PROGRAM AND IS EXPECTED TO GRADUATE THIS SPRING.**

NAME: _____ **DATE:** _____

TITLE: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL/CCD PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR/TEACHER/PRINCIPAL: _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Completed application and all supporting material must be postmarked or emailed no later than May 2, 2022 and submitted to: Scholarship@kofc525.org