

Knights of Columbus Council 8410

College Scholarship Program

Mission: A scholarship for financial assistance for tuition, fees, books and room and board to practicing Catholics of Mary Mother of God Catholic Church who are planning serious academic or vocational studies.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. A registered Catholic of Mary Mother of God Catholic Church and practicing in these aspects of Catholic life:

Spiritual Life: Must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and Regularly attend Mass.

Education: 75% attendance at PREP on Wednesday evening each school year Grades 9-12; or proof of equivalent home schooling to be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee; or proof of regular attendance at college campus ministries for students in college.

Requirement Hours: 40 hours total service hours for grades 9-12 (10 hours per year)
At least 10 must be in parish ministry.
At least 10 must be in community service.
Remaining 20 hours at the student's discretion.

(These hours may be those used to fulfill the requirements of Confirmation.)

Parish Ministry: Opportunities to perform service are many and varied. Students may choose from: CYM service projects, Mass server, lector, choir, visiting the sick, helping with parish dinners, or other parish ministries.

Community Service: Confirmation Community Service, Boy Scout/Girl Scout Service, etc.

2. High school graduate with a GPA of at least 3.0 or GED certificate equivalent to 3.0 GPA or higher.
3. Accepted admission to an accredited educational institution in the United States.
4. A student intending to defer the start of his/her advanced education/training must submit an application at the same time as his/her normal class graduation date. The justification for the deferral must be stated and approved by the Scholarship Committee. Maximum deferral is two (2) years.

Scholarship Grants and Payments:

1. The amount of 600 dollars for scholarships will be recommended each year by the Knights of Columbus Council 8410 Scholarship Committee and subject to approval by a majority vote of the active members of Council 8410 for the coming academic year.
2. Scholarship grants and payments are subject to approval of the Scholarship Committee.
3. Scholarship grants will be paid directly to the educational institution.
4. A payment of 300 dollars will be made at the beginning of each semester.
5. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.
6. If a student stops attending college, or his/her GPA drops below 3.0, the scholarship will be terminated.
7. A representative of Council 8410 will award the scholarship at an appropriate time and place.

Applications:

1. Applications are available through the Knights of Columbus Council 8410.
2. Completed applications are due to the Knights of Columbus Council 8410 or the church office before April 15, 2017. **Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.**

Candidate Evaluation and Approval:

1. Financial ability of the applicant and applicant's family or guardian is expressly excluded from evaluation.
2. The Scholarship Committee will approve successful candidates after evaluating all applications, including interviewing applicants if considered necessary.

Renewal:

Recipients must apply each year for renewal of the scholarship.

Mail completed form and supporting documentation to:

Knights of Columbus
P.O. Box 1492
Harrison, AR 72602

or

Mary Mother of God Catholic Church
P.O. Box 2150
Harrison, AR 72602

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P.O. Box 1492
Harrison, AR 72602**

College Scholarship Application

Name: _____.

Address: _____.

Parent/Guardian: _____.

Contact Phone Number: _____ **E-mail** _____.

Educational Institution Address: _____.

Phone Number of Institution: _____.

Planned Course of Study: _____.

Submit the following and attach to this form:

1. Copy of your complete high school/college transcript or GED certificate.
2. A letter of recommendation from one of the following: High school principal, Guidance counselor, Academic advisor, or Teacher.
3. A letter of recommendation from PREP teacher, CYM adult coordinator, or Campus Ministry official and proof of completed ministry and community service hours.
4. An essay (500 words) describing how you have participated in: Spiritual life of the parish/campus ministry, Catholic religious education, and the 40 parish ministry/community hours.
5. An essay (500 words) of your participation and interest in non-parish activities, present and future employment, and goals for your future academic studies.
6. Other scholarship-related information you believe worthy of consideration.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardians

Date

Due Date: April 15, 2017