

2025 Scholarship Program

Knight of Columbus Father Jon O'Brien Council #16793 Haymarket VA 20169

As part of our community work, the Knights of Columbus provides Higher Education Scholarship awards to qualified high school seniors. This year we will be awarding a \$1,000 Scholarship to the successful applicant. The requirements for these scholarships include the following:

To qualify for consideration of a scholarship the applicant must be:

- A Catholic who regularly practices their faith.
- Member of St. Katharine Drexel Mission or St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church.
- Have maintained an overall 3.0 average or higher during their high school years (grades 9-12).
- Have already applied for admission as a student at an accredited institution of higher learning in the United States, with the expressed intention of pursuing an Associate or Baccalaureate degree or a Vocational education degree/certification.
- Submit a completed application along with an official high school transcript sent to the address listed below, time stamped or postmarked by 11:59PM on May 9, 2025. Late applications will not be accepted.

The Scholarship Committee will consider and then rank the following "evaluation factors", to determine each Scholarship Grant award recipient(s):

• The student's active involvement in their parish community, extracurricular activities while in school, local community involvement, and activities with the Father Jon O'Brien Council Knights of Columbus.

• Involvement of the student's immediate family in St. Katharine Drexel Mission or St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church, the local Catholic community, and the Father Jon O'Brien Council activities.

- The student's grade point average.
- Personal Essay expressing why the student is applying for this scholarship, how they intend to use their degree or certificate to serve their family and the community at large.

• Student's acceptance of admission as a full-time student or registration for attendance at a specific institution of higher education in the U.S.

Upon selection, the successful candidate(s) must be accepted by the institution before the scholarship will be awarded. The award will not be made until the place of higher learning has accepted the applicant. A receipt for expenses directly associated with the pursuit of the degree or certification will be submitted by the awarded candidate to the Father Jon O'Brien Council for post-secondary school expenses which will be reimbursed to the awarded candidate up to the scholarship award amount within 15 days of receipt of the expense submittal



2025 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

Applicant Personal Information:				
Last Name				
First Name				
Middle Initial				
Home Address – Street				
City				
State				
Zip Code				
Phone Number				
Applicant's Email Address				
Parent/Guardian's Email Address				
Name of College/University/Accredited Trade School				
- Is this a Catholic Institution O Yes O No				

Qualifications for Scholarship Grant:				
Name and location of graduating high school or current institution of higher learning:				
Are you a practicing Catholic?	O Yes O No			
Which parish are you a member of?	O St. Katharine Drexel O St. Stephen the Martyr			
Have you applied for admission to an institution of higher education as a full-time student where you can obtain an Associate, Bachelor's Degree or a professional Certificate?	⊖ Yes ⊖ No			
Have you maintained at least a 3.0 average for your high school career? Attached all pertinent transcripts to this application?	○ Yes ○ No			

Evaluation Information

Academic Pursuit: What degree/certificate will you pursue?

Parish Involvement: (*if more space needed, attach additional pages, using 8-1/2" X 11" paper.*) Describe your active involvement in your parish community - (*Be sure to describe the extent of your involvement, e.g. amount of time spent, number of times, specific activities, or leadership positions held. Give names and phone numbers of persons who can verify this information.*)

Knights of Columbus Program/Projects you were involved: (*if more space needed, attach additional pages, using 8-1/2*" *X 11*" *paper.*)

Describe your active involvement in the Knights of Columbus events:

(Be sure to describe the extent of your involvement, e.g. amount of time spent, number of times, specific activities, or leadership positions held. Give names and phone numbers of persons who can verify this information)

If your Father is a member of the Father Jon O'Brien Council, provide his name and your involvement with him in Council events and projects.

Community Involvement: (*if more space needed*, *attach additional pages*, *using 8-1/2" X 11" paper*.) Describe your active involvement in our local community: (*Be sure to describe the extent of your involvement, e.g. amount of time spent, number of times, specific activities, or leadership*

Extracurricular Activities: (*if more space needed, attach additional pages, using 8-1/2" X 11" paper.*) Describe your involvement in extracurricular activities while in high school:

(Be sure to describe the extent of your involvement, e.g. amount of time spent, number of times, specific activities, or leadership positions held. Give names and phone numbers of persons who can verify this information)

Personal Essay: Describe your interest in continuing with higher education and how this scholarship can assist you in reaching your future goals and how you intend to use your degree or certificate to serve your family and the community at large. (500 Words or Less)

OTHER DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED WITH THIS APPLICATION:

(check all that apply)

(required) An official transcript of my high school (attached)
(optional) Letter of endorsement from my high school principal or other faculty member (attached)
(optional) Letter(s) of endorsement from my parish attesting to my involvement in my parish community (attached)
(optional) Other letters of endorsement (attached)

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that all information included in this Scholarship Grant Application is complete and totally factual, to the best of my knowledge and belief. I fully understand that any information determined by the Scholarship Committee to be false will result in my disqualification for a Scholarship Grant and that the Committee may request additional information from me or other persons in processing this application.

I further understand that all personal information submitted will be kept confidential and used only by the Scholarship Committee in its deliberations.

Signature of applicant		Date

Electronic Signature Disclosure and Consent

I am signing this document electronically. I agree that my electronic signature is the legal equivalent of my manual/handwritten signature on this document. I consent to the legally binding terms and conditions of this document. I further agree that my signature on this document is as valid as if I signed the document in writing.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Once you have completed this application, either email to <u>scholarship@fjobkofc.org</u> or mail it to:

Knights of Columbus – Father Jon O'Brien Council c/o FJOB Scholarship Chairman 4100 Mill Creek Rd. Haymarket VA 20169

Questions can be sent to scholarship@fjobkofc.org.