

## 36th ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE-BOUND CATHOLIC SENIORS

The Knights of Columbus is a world-wide Catholic fraternal charity organization. For the 36th consecutive year, the local Knights of Columbus St. Philip the Apostle Council 9884, the Pope Paul VI Fourth Degree Assembly, and the Lady Knights offer **four \$1000 scholarships** to college-bound Catholic seniors.

### ELIGIBILITY

**THREE \$1000 CASH SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLEGE- or ACCREDITED TRADE-SCHOOL-BOUND CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:**

- one Catholic senior from Lewisville High
- one Catholic senior from Marcus High
- one Catholic senior from Flower Mound High

These three students must meet **at least one** of the following requirements:

- The senior is a member of St. Philip's Youth Group (S.P.Y.)
- The senior's parent(s) is a member of St. Philip the Apostle or Our Lady of Lebanon.
- The senior's father is a member of Council 9884 or Assembly 2291.
- The senior's mother is a member of the Lady Knights of Council 9884.

**ONE \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP WILL AWARDED TO A COLLEGE or ACCREDITED TRADE-SCHOOL BOUND CATHOLIC SENIOR WHO:**

- Is a public or private high school Catholic senior or home-schooled Catholic senior regardless of his or her place of residence who meets **at least one** of these requirements:
  - The senior is a member of St. Philip's Youth Group (S.P.Y.)
  - The senior's parent(s) is a member of St. Philip the Apostle or Our Lady of Lebanon.
  - The senior's father is a member of Council 9884 or Assembly 2291.
  - The senior's mother is a member of the Lady Knights of Council 9884.

OR

- Is a public or private high school Catholic senior or home-schooled Catholic senior actively involved at St. Philip the Apostle, regardless of his or her parent(s) affiliation with the Knights of Columbus, St. Philip the Apostle, or Our Lady of Lebanon.

Application for the scholarship entails completing 1) the attached cover sheet, 2) two activity summaries with the provided signature sheet, signed by a church official (e.g. youth minister, sacristan, pastor) and a school official (e.g. counselor, assistant principal, student council director), and 3) a brief essay (Please see guidelines on back of this sheet).

Applications are available online at <https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/CouncilNews.asp?CNO=9884>, but **applications must be submitted by US Mail**. Please mail completed application materials with the essay to:

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP  
c/o Mike Crivello  
311 Cedarcrest Lane  
Double Oak, TX 75077-8442

*For any questions, please call or text Mike Crivello  
at 972-754-0804  
or email him at [macrivello@hotmail.com](mailto:macrivello@hotmail.com)*

**\*Application with essay must be postmarked on or before Monday, January 12, 2026.**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY RULES

1. Applicant must be a practicing Catholic senior student planning to attend **any** two- or four-year college or accredited trade school in the summer or fall of 2026.
2. Applicant must fulfill the eligibility requirements. \*\*\*Please ask if you have questions about eligibility.
3. Incomplete applications or essays postmarked after the deadline of **January 12, 2026** are ineligible.
4. Essay must be the original work of the applicant based on the topic below.
5. Essay length should be between 500 and 750 words.
6. Research and bibliography are not required, although the applicant is welcome to use quotes from outside sources.
7. **Essay must be typed.**
8. \*\*\*\*\* Essay must have a title page on which the title of the essay and the applicant's name should appear. **THE APPLICANT'S NAME SHOULD APPEAR ON THE TITLE PAGE ONLY. THE APPLICANT'S NAME SHOULD NOT APPEAR ON ANY OTHER PAGE OF THE ESSAY, NOR SHOULD IT APPEAR IN THE ESSAY ITSELF.**
9. Essays will be judged on the following criteria:
  - \*Thought and value (60%): What the student says about the topic; examples and applications; sincerity and appropriateness; meaning and purpose
  - \*Coherence and organization (30%): Effective opening, middle, and conclusion; logical relationship between sections; clarity; smoothness of transitions
  - \*Correctness (10%): Correct use of the rules of standard English.
10. Essay will not be returned and will become the property of Knights of Columbus Council 9884.
11. Essay topic:  
**SERVING NOW AND TOMORROW. How can the individual use his or her Catholic faith to make a positive difference in today's world and the future? How can one person make the world a better place to live for others now and in days to come? Use examples, including how you have made or will make a difference and/or witnessed others making a difference.**
12. Application, activity lists, and essay must be postmarked on or before Monday, January 12, 2026. Send to:

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### \*\*\*PLEASE NOTE THESE OTHER SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

\*\*\* The Texas Knights of Columbus award annual grants to eligible students. For info visit:  
<https://tkofc.org/State-Council/Texas-State-Council-Forms> Select "Educational Grant Application"

\*\*\* The Knights of Columbus also award national scholarships and grants to eligible students. For info, visit:  
<http://kofc.org/un/en/members/programs/scholarships/index.html> .

## Knights of Columbus Scholarship Cover Sheet

Please complete the items on this sheet. Attach this sheet to your two activity sheets with the two signatures on the back of this sheet, and mail with your essay.

**To applicant: YOUR NAME SHOULD NOT APPEAR ON ANY OTHER PAGE EXCEPT THIS COVER SHEET AND THE TITLE PAGE OF YOUR ESSAY.**

\*\*\*All application materials and essay must be postmarked on or before January 12, 2026.

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**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Student's month/date/year of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Student email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School or, indicate Home-Schooled Catholic. \*\*\*Please see eligibility.

\_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation: 2026

Catholic church currently regularly attending: \_\_\_\_\_

College(s) or trade school(s) planning/considering to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR NAME SHOULD NOT APPEAR ON ANY OTHER PAGE EXCEPT THIS PAGE AND THE ESSAY TITLE PAGE.**

## Knights of Columbus Scholarship Activity Sheets

- 1) Please provide a **TYPED** summary or list of your involvement in extracurricular activities (school organizations, clubs, sports, leadership positions, etc.). Do not indicate your name on this list.
- 2) Please provide a **TYPED** summary or list of your involvement in community and/or church activities (volunteering, ministries, missions, etc.). Do not indicate your name on this list.
- 3) PLEASE ATTACH THIS SIGNATURE SHEET WITH TWO REQUIRED SIGNATURES TO YOUR **TYPED** SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY/CHURCH ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES:

\*\*\*Validation of school activities by School Official's signature:

SCHOOL/HOME SCHOOL OFFICIAL'S PRINTED NAME AND POSITION:

\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Validation of community/church activities by Church Official's signature:  
(\*S.P.Y. coordinator's signature required if student is a member of S.P.Y.)

CHURCH OFFICIAL'S PRINTED NAME AND POSITION:

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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_