

Scholarship Eligibility

1. Students must be a Catholic in good standing.
2. Student must be an active member of St. Stanislaus/St. Victor's Chapel in Bandera County.
3. Student must be a graduating senior with plans to attend a university or technical trade school
4. Students planning to attend a four-year university must have a minimum confirmed GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. A fall semester (before spring graduation) high school transcript is required.
5. Students planning on attending a two-year college or technical trade school must have a confirmed (see 4. above) minimum GPA of a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Applications must be either typed or printed and must be legible. Any application deemed not legible by the Review Committee will be disqualified. Any section may have additional pages added by the applicant.

Applications MUST have all sections filled out. Any sections not completed will be a disqualification.

Applications must be turned in by the March 7, 2019. Any application not received by the due date will be disqualified.

Application Review Process

Bandera Knights of Columbus Council #10258 will appoint a Committee to review all applications. The Committee will individually review the applications. All individual scores will then be averaged to determine a final score for an applicant (this is unclear). The scores will then be compared to develop a ranking system

Each year, based on fund availability, the Council will allocate funds in their budget for scholarships. The Knights of Columbus uses all profits from the Friday Fish Fries for funding scholarships. We cannot guarantee how much money will be raised per year. This will also determine the amount and number of scholarships that will be available.

The total amount of each individual scholarship awarded will be paid directly to the school or university over two semesters for the period awarded (academic year 2019-2020). **The student is responsible for providing the Council with the appropriate contact information for the school or university.** The second semester payment is contingent on the student completing a full course load (minimum of 12 semester hours) with a minimum of a passing grade – 2.0/4.0. **To receive the second semester payment the student must provide a copy of university or school academic transcript to the Council for verification. The council must also be made aware of any changes in the school or university payment process, as well as a copy of the upcoming**

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semester schedule/bill. Students are also required to provide a letter from the parish priest in the area that they are attending school that states that the student is active in the local Catholic Church.

Academic Scholarship Award – Scoring System for Points

Scoring System

Points will be allocated on the following basis:

UP TO

Overall Completeness

5 points

(The reviewer will award points on their impression of completeness)

Family Member in Knights of Columbus

10 points

(Points will be allocated based on relationship to applicant and participation)

Academic Performance

10 points

Financial Need

10 points

School Activities

10 points

Community Service

10 points

Service to Church

10 points

Essay #1

10 points

Essay #2

10 points

Interview Score

15 points

Total

100 points

Application Instructions

Students **must** fill out the application completely. The application can either be typed or handwritten. If handwritten, it should be done in block print and legible. A summary of each section of the application with any special instructions or examples can be found below. Examples are not all inclusive and you may have been involved in other activities that should be included.

Personal contact Information: This section of the application is critical. The information provided **must** be a current mailing address and contact numbers (including your mobile number so that we can send text messages) where we can get in touch with you. This is how we will contact you for additional information such the location and timing of interviews if so selected, and how award information will be provided to you. Failure to provide this information may delay or make you ineligible for any award.

Academic Information: First year applicants must complete this section with a high school transcript provided by the high school counselor.. Students who are home- schooled will provide a statement from their parent stating no class rank exists for the purpose of this application. Grade Point Average must be unweighted on a 4.0 scale.

Financial Information (What does this mean? Exactly what do we need to see?): This information is important in determining the financial needs for each applicant. Please note that some scholarships you may receive will have limitations on the amount of additional resources that can be accepted by you. If you receive a large scholarship or grant from a different source, please notify us immediately, this may affect your eligibility.

School Activities: This section should include anything you participated in while in high school. Some examples include any groups or clubs such as the Business Club, Chess Club, etc. as well as any extracurricular activities such as varsity sports, band, academic triathlon, UIL, livestock shows, and 4-H and/or FFA activities.

Community Service: This section should list your involvement with community service projects over the last 4 years. This may include things like; Komen Walk for the Cure, Helping Hand, Visiting Nursing Homes, Local Food Bank, Recycle Drives, etc.

Service to Church: You may have participated in activities such as altar server, assistance with Vacation Bible School, Church Festival, cemetery clean-ups, assisting the Knights of Columbus with our First Friday Fish Fry's, or other opportunities through the Church.

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Essays: There are two required essays (See below). What should your essays be about? Perhaps tell us what your activities taught you about life or what do you hope to achieve by going to trade school or college. While proper writing style is appreciated and expected, content is a more important factor to consider. The Scholarship Committee only has limited opportunities to get insight into your thoughts, hopes, desires and future goals. These essays will assist them in developing a picture as to who you are and who you want to become.

Note: any plagiarism in an application will be subject to automatic disqualification. Plagiarism means the practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as your own. **DO NOT COPY PREVIOUS SCHOLARSHIP ESSAYS.**

STUDENT MUST BE A PRACTICING CATHOLIC.

Personal Contact Information

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE (home and mobile): _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

FATHER'S NAME: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

MOTHER'S NAME: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

Do you have a family member that is in the Knights of Columbus (circle one) **Yes** **No**

If yes, please provide name of Knight, his relationship to you and his council number _____

WHAT COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR TECHNICAL SCHOOL DO YOU PLAN TO ATTEND? : _____

HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED: (circle one) **YES** **NO**

IN WHAT SUBJECT DO YOU INTEND TO MAJOR? _____

Academic Information

APPLICANT'S COLLEGE ENTRANCE SCORES:

SAT VERBAL: _____ SAT MATH: _____ ACT: _____

APPLICANT'S RANK IN CLASS: _____ NUMBER IN CLASS: _____

APPLICANT'S GRADE POINT AVERAGE (Unweighted on a 4.0 Scale): _____

(This Section to be filled in by School Counselor) Counselor Signature _____
required

Financial Information

Have you completed your FAFSA application (circle one) **Yes** **No**

OF CHILDREN IN FAMILY: _____ # STILL AT HOME: _____ # IN COLLEGE OR TRADE SCHOOL _____

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS? (circle one) **YES** **NO**

HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS? (circle one) **YES** **NO**

IF YES WAS SELECTED WHAT AMOUNTS?

Do you plan to live on campus _____ or off campus _____ If off campus, will you be living at home? _____

School Activities

List school groups, clubs or extra-curricular activities that you have participated in during high school and any special recognition or awards received.

Year Involved	Organization	Recognition/Awards
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____

(If additional space is required, use separate sheet of paper)

Community Service

List All community service projects you have been involved with and any special recognition or awards received in the last 4 years.

Year Involved	Organization	Hours of Service
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____

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3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

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Service to the Church

List all church programs you have participated in and any ways you have assisted or offered special service to your parish community.

Year(s) Involved	Sponsor or Contact	Hours of Service
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

(If additional space is required, use separate sheet of paper)

Essays

Write an Essay of between 50 to 150 words on the topic of:

“THE IMPORTANCE OF CHURCH AND COMMUNITY IN MY LIFE”

Write an Essay of between 50 to 150 words on the topic of:

“WHAT WOULD THIS SCHOLARSHIP MEAN TO YOU”

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RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION TO ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH AT 602 SEVENTH STREET IN BANDERA, P.O. Box 757 Bandera, Tx. 78003 or by email to ctcleaver2@gmail.com BY MARCH 7, 2019.

Applications not received by the deadline will not be accepted.

Interviews will be conducted at a date to be determined.

Any First Year Scholarship awarded will only be available for Fall 2019 or Spring 2020 Semesters.

All successful candidates will be required to provide the appropriate school information of where payments must be sent by September 15, 2019 so payments can be forwarded to the school for the Fall Semester. (Failure to provide the information by the due date will result in loss of any awarded scholarship)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM. GOOD LUCK.