

# Scholarship Application Academic Year 2017-2018 Knights of Columbus Council 11097

The Knights of Columbus are formed by our four core principles:

**Charity** – Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

**Unity** – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. That doesn't mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that – as a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.

**Fraternity** – The Venerable Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely. The Order's top-rated insurance program continues to do this today, as do individual Knights, who last year gave more than 10 million hours of their time to assist sick and/or disabled members and their families. In the Knights of Columbus, we watch out for and take care of one another.

**Patriotism** – Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.

It is within these four principles that we search for students at Immaculate Heart of Mary that exhibit those qualities. The Knights of Columbus Council #11097 will be awarding tuition scholarships to Catholic students for the academic year 2017-2018. The scholarships are awarded up to two 8<sup>th</sup> grade student for one year only. There are academic and service requirements for awarding the scholarships.

**The Council Trustee Scholarship:** A scholarship of up to \$750 will be awarded to each of two applicants attending or accepted for attendance at an accredited Catholic High School. This grant is designed to assist any student attending High School Catholic Education. Affiliation with the Knights of Columbus is not required. Awards will be made on the basis of academic excellence and personal qualifications. Funds are applicable for tuition only and will be made payable to the student's Catholic High School.

**Criteria**

In addition to the above scholarship description, the scholarships will be awarded to students based on the following criteria. The applicant:

1. Must be in good standing with their most recent school.
2. Have acceptable class grades (maintain 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale) for the current academic year
3. Must demonstrate attributes of the K of C 4 core principles.
4. Must submit the application and required documents by the deadline.

**Required Documents:**

1. Scholarship Application.
2. A multiple paragraph typed essay detailing your personal qualities by describing: what community service means to you and how you hope to use what you learn at IHM to benefit your Parish, the community in which you live, your family and our country.

3. Letters of recommendation (minimum of two) from:

A current academic year teacher of the applicant, or appropriate county or state home school official, (on letter head) and a parishioner of your parish, and/or another person who has worked with the applicant. Recommending official needs to list all activities the applicant has participated in around the areas of leadership, service, stewardship, and faith development in their letter of recommendation.

4. A document detailing all charitable contributions into the following categories:

Charitable Contributions

Church

School

Documents should list each activity, the number of hours volunteered for each, and a brief explanation of the activity. Applicants need to be as detailed as possible in regards to these activities.

5. An official transcript off all grades up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of the current school year. This document must be verified by a school officials.

Questions regarding the scholarship may be emailed to: Adam Ellis at [ellisadamr@cobridge.tv](mailto:ellisadamr@cobridge.tv) or Jeffrey J Burton at [jeffrey.j.burton@me.com](mailto:jeffrey.j.burton@me.com)

**Deadline**

Applications and required documents for the scholarships for the 2017- 2018 academic year must be received via mail on May 2nd, 2018 by 5:00 P.M. NO EXCEPTIONS. Students will be notified during the Immaculate Heart of Mary graduation mass, Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup>, regarding the status of their application.

**Drop Off:**

Complete the application and the four items listed above to the IHM Church office care of the Knights of Columbus Council #11097.

**Scholarship Application Academic Year 2017-18**  
**Knights of Columbus Council 11097**  
**Council Trustee Scholarship**

Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant's home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be considered for a Knights of Columbus Scholarship to (Name of School)

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Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's parent/guardian printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's parent/guardian mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant's parent/guardian home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's parent/guardian email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check List

1. Scholarship Application \_\_\_\_\_
2. Essay \_\_\_\_\_
3. Two letters of recommendations \_\_\_\_\_
4. List of Community Services Activities \_\_\_\_\_
5. Official Transcript/with GPA \_\_\_\_\_

**All documentation MUST be received at the same time. Failure to submit all elements at the same time will result in rejection of the application.**