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Knights of Columbus - St. Mary's Council #6202

Annual Scholarship Program

The Knights of Columbus (K of C) - St. Mary's Council #6202 is proud to offer an annual scholarship program to support the academic endeavors of dedicated students involved in Catholic education. This merit-based scholarship aims to encourage and assist students who are or will be attending Catholic high schools, colleges or universities (private or public) and that are ardently participating in extracurricular (Catholic) activities while manifesting academic achievement, leadership and citizenship.

Scholarship Criteria

- ◆ Applicants must be enrolled at a private or public middle school, Catholic high school, college or university carrying a minimum cumulative 3.5 GPA or B+ average.
- ◆ Applicants from middle schools must demonstrate a minimum B+ average in order to qualify for the Catholic high school scholarship program.
- ◆ Applicants from secondary schools must demonstrate a minimum cumulative 3.5 GPA in order to qualify for the Catholic college scholarship program.
- ◆ Parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church (OLSOS) and Catholic residents of Cape May County are welcome to apply.

Scholarship Details

- ◆ Merit scholarships are one-time awards of \$500 (high school bound students) and \$1,000 (college bound students).
- ◆ Qualifications will be based on academic achievements, written essay, activities and overall application presentation.
- ◆ Eligible applicants will be evaluated and interviewed in person by the K of C Scholarship Committee.
- ◆ Scholarship recipients are required to maintain a minimum cumulative 3.5 GPA or B+ average.
- ◆ Funds will be dispersed directly to the scholarship recipient or their parents/guardians upon successful completion of the first term of coursework.
- ◆ Scholarship award recipients may reapply for the subsequent academic year.
- ◆ Roman Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, are always welcomed and encouraged to join the K of C - St. Mary's Council #6202.

Scholarship Application Schedule

- ◆ **March 1st** - Annual application deadline (no exceptions).
- ◆ **May 1st** - Award notifications will be sent out to all K of C Scholarship recipients.



Scholarship Document Requirements

- ◆ Completed application; available at the OLSOS parish office and as a downloadable PDF on the K of C - St. Mary's Council #6202 ministry page of the church's website. (www.ladystarofthesea.org or scan the QR Code below)
- ◆ Academic transcripts; from either middle school, high school or college
- ◆ Resume; highlighting academic achievements, activities and community involvement
- ◆ Written essay; demonstrating involvement in co-curricular or extracurricular (Catholic) activities and explaining the significance of a Catholic education (500 - 700 words)
- ◆ Two references; (academic, professional or community)
- ◆ Video essays (optional)

For further information about the K of C Scholarship Program, please contact the Scholarship Program Coordinator at kofc6202@gmail.com or send inquiries to:

Knights of Columbus - St. Mary's Council #6202
P. O. Box 100
Cape May, NJ 08204

Note: The K of C - St. Mary's Council #6202 reserves the right to modify or update scholarship criteria and guidelines as deemed necessary. Scholarships will be awarded annually based on the availability of K of C Scholarship Program funds.





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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

<i>PLEASE TYPE ANSWERS:</i>			
1.	Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Initial:
2.	Street: City: State: Zip:		
3.	Phone: Email:		
4.	Date of Birth Month: Day: Year:		
5.	Parents/legal guardians (Include address only if different than your own) Name(s): Street: City: State: Zip: Phone:		
6.	Name of current school or college attending:		
7.	Name of Catholic high school or college you are planning to attend or already attending:		
8.	1) Provide most recent school or college transcript with cumulative GPA 2) Provide two (2) letters of recommendation (academic, professional or community) 3) On a separate sheet, please provide an essay (500-700 words) demonstrating your involvement in co-curricular or extracurricular (Catholic) activities and explaining the significance of a Catholic education.		

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STUDENT PLEDGE OF ACCURACY

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the K of C - St. Mary's Council #6202 Scholarship Committee, I must be present at any potential awards ceremonies or receptions in order to receive my scholarship grant. Also, if chosen as a scholarship winner, I consent for my image to be taken and used to promote the K of C Scholarship Program. (Winner may waive photo promotion due to any special or compelling circumstances.)

Additionally, I hereby acknowledge that I will not submit this application packet without all of the required materials and supporting documents. Incomplete scholarship applications or those applicants who do not qualify, will not be considered.

I hereby affirm that all of the previously stated information provided is true and factual to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Date: _____

Checklist:

- Application (detach cover at perforation)
- Transcript(s)
- Essay
- Recommendation letters

SEND COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET TO:

Knights of Columbus – St. Mary's Council #6202
Scholarship Program Committee
P.O. Box 100
Cape May, NJ 08204

EMAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET TO: kofc6202@gmail.com

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1st of each year (NO EXCEPTIONS)

