

STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

One of the most overlooked Knights of Columbus Programs is the State Scholarship, designed specifically for high school seniors planning to enter College or continuing students currently enrolled in a College or University. It is important to emphasize that this is a Council activity and not run by the state. It depends on all Councils and Brother Knights to actively promote this valuable Program that supports the youth of our State. The Primary Contact for questions from the Scholarship Applicants is the Council Grand Knight and his Council scholarship program chairman.

At the annual State Convention, The California State Council will award eleven scholarships in the following categories:

Academic: Seven \$1,000 student scholarships to those entering or resuming college,

Religious: Three \$1,000 scholarships (Jerome J. Junk Memorial Scholarship) to those who are, or will be, attending a vocational religious school, and

Squire: One \$1,000 scholarship (the Father Joseph Geary Scholarship) to a current or former Columbian Squire entering or resuming college.

In addition to the scholarships awarded by the California State Council, the Past State Deputies Association will award one \$500 Scholarship to an eligible applicant from any of the three above categories.

Qualifications for Academic Scholarships (March 1, 2015 deadline)

Academic applicants must meet one of the following requirements:

1. A member of the Knights of Columbus in good standing in a California Council,
2. The spouse, son or daughter of a K of C member in good standing in a California Council,
3. The spouse, son or daughter of a deceased member who was in good standing with a California Council at the time of his death,
4. A member in good standing of a California Columbian Squires Circle,
5. A former Squire and son of a K of C member in good standing in a California Council,
6. Submit the complete application by **March 1, 2016**.

Qualifications for Religious Applications (March 1, 2016 deadline)

Applicants for the Religious scholarship must be in good standing with his / her diocese or Order (seminary or school of formation). The deadline for Religious applications is **March 1, 2016**. This deadline is timed to be shortly after the diocese makes assignments.

Required Documents

Accurate and complete forms are required as part of eligibility:

1. ALL: The appropriate application completed by the applicant with the verification of eligibility and the correct attestation / endorsement signatures,

2. ALL: Answers to the Personal Statement questions, and

3. ACADEMIC: Scholastic records (SAT, ACT or official high school transcripts). Continuing students should submit official transcripts for all previous college level courses, *(The program deadline is specifically set to allow applicants to include academic records for the first half of the 2015-2016 school year.)*

4. ACADEMIC: A written recommendation (one page in length) from three personal supporters (excluding parent or guardian),

5. RELIGIOUS: A statement of recommendation from a key supporter, such as, a statement of recommendation from: Novice Master, Prior or Superior or other in charge of formation.

To qualify for a scholarship, complete and submit the appropriate application, the Personal Statement and all required documents all in a single hardcopy packet no later than the stated deadline for the application. Apply for a scholarship with the understanding that completing all the required steps may take some time (up to three months). Incomplete forms, missing signatures, undated applications, supplemental pages without names and other similar omissions will delay the Committee review and may disqualify the application.

Obtaining the application

- Request the appropriate application from the Grand Knight. All of the scholarship application materials are included in the Programs Handbook.
- Use the appropriate application and verification forms following this article.
- As a last resort, request the appropriate application form from the State Scholarship Chairman, or request the appropriate application form from the State Council:

15808 Arrow Blvd, Suite A, Fontana, 92335
(909) 434-0460 or from state.office@californiaknights.org

Awarding the Scholarships

The State Scholarship Committee will determine the scholarships, and the State Deputy will announce the winners at the Annual California State Convention. The State Council pays the scholarship directly to the school after confirmation of full-time enrollment.

Scoring Criteria

The Scholarship Committee will evaluate applications putting an emphasis on the following:

- Completeness and accuracy of the applicant details on the application, personal statement and all submitted paperwork,
- A balance between academic performance, community service and other volunteer activities and work and job progression progress,
- A concise and compelling personal perspective in the Personal Statement essay,
- Recommendations that reveal your strengths and accomplishments from the eyes of the author, and
- Overall neatness of the submitted hardcopy packet (**Note: Electronic submissions will not be accepted.**)

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OTHER SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has an aggressive Scholarship and Student Loan Program. The Supreme Council awards numerous Catholic College Scholarships of \$1,500 per year to incoming freshman, and renewable thereafter. For further information, request booklet #951, "Financial Aid to Education" from the Supreme Council.

Academic Scholarship Application

(Application deadline March 1, 2016)

Name: _____ Date of Application: ___/___/_____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Date of Birth: ___/___/_____ Phone: (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Date: ___/___/_____

College / University (for continuing students): _____

Year / Level: _____

Verification of Eligibility (select only one):

I am a member in good standing of Council _____ # _____.

I am the spouse / son / daughter of _____, a member in good standing of Council _____ # _____.

I am the spouse / son / daughter of _____, a deceased member of Council _____ # _____ who was in good standing at the time of his death.

NOTE: Submit the application, verification, personal statement, recommendations and all required information in one hardcopy packet. Incomplete forms, pages missing a required signature, undated applications, forms without names and other similar omissions may disqualify the applicant.

ATTESTED and AUTHORIZED:

Grand Knight: (Print Name) _____

Grand Knight: (Signature) _____ Date: _____

Financial Secretary: (Print Name) _____

Financial Secretary: (Signature) _____ Date: _____

Academic Scholarship Application

Personal Statement

Name: _____

I plan to attend _____ in the fall of 2016.

I have not yet committed to a college or university, but I am considering the following:

As of this time, have you received notice of any other financial aid? Yes No

Please answer the following questions (each answer on a separate sheet of paper).

1. Describe your academic performance over the course of your high school career. Indicate any awards of distinction you have received for academics or leadership.
2. Describe your involvement in activities outside the classroom. Please include employment, family responsibilities, Church activities, and community and other service. List any elected positions held and the school year(s) involved.
3. Write a one-page essay on the theme "Why I Am Seeking This Scholarship". Please include sufficient detail for the Scholarship Committee to appreciate your application.

I hereby authorize the release of this Scholarship Application, references and my academic records to the Scholarship Committee. I certify that all information provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: __/__/____

NOTE: Submit the application, verification, personal statement, recommendations and all required information in one hardcopy packet. Incomplete forms, pages missing a required signature, undated applications, forms without names and other similar omissions may disqualify the application. **Application deadline is March 1, 2016.**

Application packet checklist (submit all documents in one **hardcopy packet** to the **State Scholarships Chairman**):

- Completed application with all required signatures and dates.

- Answers to the three questions by the applicant (one page for each answer).

- Three written recommendations from non-relatives.

- Transcripts and /or other academic performance from schools.

- Submitted and **post-marked by March 1, 2016 deadline.**

Squire Scholarship Application

(Application deadline March 1, 2016)

Name: _____ Date of Application: ___/___/_____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Date of Birth: ___/___/_____ Phone: (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Date: ___/___/_____

College / University (for continuing students): _____

Year / Level: _____

Verification of Eligibility:

I am a Squire in good standing of Circle _____ # _____.

I am a former Squire and the son of _____, a member in good standing of Council _____ # _____.

NOTE: Submit the application, verification, personal statement, recommendations and all required information in one hardcopy packet. Incomplete forms, pages missing a required signature, undated applications, forms without names and other similar omissions may disqualify the application.

ATTESTED and AUTHORIZED:

Chief Squire: (Print Name) _____

Chief Squire: (Signature) _____ Date: _____

Bursar: (Print Name) _____

Bursar: (Signature) _____ Date: _____

Squire Scholarship Application

Personal Statement

Name: _____

I plan to attend _____ in the fall of 2016.

I have not yet committed to a college or university, but I am considering the following:

As of this time, have you received notice of any other financial aid? Yes No

Please answer the following questions (each answer on a separate sheet of paper).

1. Describe your academic performance over the course of your high school career. Indicate any awards of distinction you have received for academics or leadership.

2. Describe your involvement in activities outside the classroom. Please include employment, family responsibilities, Church activities, and community and other service. List any elected positions held and the school year(s) involved.

3. Write a one-page essay on the theme "Why I Am Seeking This Scholarship". Please include sufficient detail for the Scholarship Committee to appreciate your application.

I hereby authorize the release of this Scholarship Application, references and my academic records to the Scholarship Committee. I certify that all information provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** / / _____

NOTE: Submit the application, verification, personal statement, recommendations and all required information in one hardcopy packet. Incomplete forms, pages missing a required signature, undated applications, forms without names and other similar omissions may disqualify the application.

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- Transcripts and /or other academic performance from schools.

- Submitted and **post-marked by March 1, 2016 deadline.**

Lay – Seminarian – Religious Scholarship Application

(Application deadline March 1, 2016)

Name: _____ Date of Application: ___/___/_____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Date of Birth: ___/___/_____ Phone: (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____

College, University, Seminary or Program of Foundation: _____

Current Academic Level: _____

Verification of Eligibility:

I am now attending a seminary or religious program.

I will begin attending a seminary of religious program later this year.

NOTE: Submit the application, verification, personal statement, recommendations and all required information in one hardcopy packet (incomplete forms, pages missing a required signature, undated applications, forms without names and other similar omissions may disqualify the applicant).

ATTESTED and AUTHORIZED:

Grand Knight: (Print Name) _____

Grand Knight: (Signature) _____ Date: _____

Council Name: _____ # _____

OR Endorsement By: _____

Position: _____

Lay – Seminarian – Religious Scholarship Application

Personal Statement

Name: _____

I plan to attend _____ in the fall of 2016.

My Diocese / Religious Order has not yet assigned me to a Seminary or formation program, but the following seminary or house of formation is under consideration:

Please answer the following questions (each answer on a separate sheet of paper).

1. Describe your academic performance over the course of your prior school years. Indicate any awards of distinction you have received for academics or leadership.
2. Describe your involvement in activities outside the classroom. Please include relevant employment, family responsibilities, Church activities, and community / other service. List any elected positions held and the year(s) involved.
3. Write a one-page essay on the theme “Why I Am Seeking This Scholarship”. Please include sufficient detail for the Scholarship Committee to appreciate your application.

I hereby authorize the release of this Scholarship Application, references and my academic records to the Scholarship Committee. I certify that all information provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** ___/___/_____

NOTE: Submit the application, verification, personal statement, recommendations and all required information in one hardcopy packet. Incomplete forms, pages missing a required signature, undated applications, forms without names and other similar omissions may disqualify the application. **Application deadline is March 1, 2016.**

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