St. Barbara Knights of Columbus High School Scholarship Program 2019

The St. Barbara Knights of Columbus is proud of the parish youth who strive to live a Christian life focused on giving to others and, through its Scholarship Program, wishes to recognize a graduating high school senior whose parents and or guardians are registered members of St. Barbara Parish. Any student meeting graduation requirements in a public, private, or homeschool setting is eligible to apply.

The primary focus will be on students who exemplify Catholic values and are “impact makers,” those who by their example have the potential to continue to make a difference in not only their own community, but also in the greater community of which they are a part.

With that in mind the Scholarship Committee will pay particular attention to applicants who have:

• Reached out to others and done good deeds.
• Demonstrated kindness and compassion to others.
• Demonstrated commitment to community.
• Have definite plans for further education or next level of study.
• Feel a sense of comfort in expressing and living their Christian beliefs for the benefit of others.

Interested applicants should apply in writing to the Office of Scholarships, Knights of Columbus Council #11736, PO Box 555, Black Diamond, WA 98010-0555. Applications are also available on our Knights website: www.kofc11736.org. Applicants may also call the Parish Office at 360-886-2229 to request a scholarship application package. Those with questions may contact the Scholarship Program Director, Zbig Kasprzyk at 206-818-7476, or through email at: zkkasprzyk@gmail.com

The package will contain specific instructions and a form that provides an opportunity for applicants to identify their experiences as they relate to making a difference within their family, church community, and the greater community.

Additionally, the applicant will find the Essay Question that is to be answered in 600 to 800 words. The only other guideline for the essay is that it be the applicant’s original work. The essay will be assessed on the basis of how fully it explores the prompt, using specific examples and details; on its organization and smooth use of transitions; on its conventions; and on its appropriate attributions of other authors or experts.

Letters of recommendation are optional, but are encouraged, and should accompany the student’s application. A maximum of three letters may be submitted.

Finally, the Scholarship Committee may interview applicants as a final part of the selection process. The details of how that will take place will be communicated as we go forward.

Zbig Kasprzyk
St. Barbara Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program Director
St. Barbara Knights of Columbus
Scholarship Application 2019

***Mail completed application packets to St. Barbara Knights of Columbus Council 11736
Office of Scholarships, PO Box 555, Black Diamond, WA 98010-0555
***Must be postmarked by April 5, 2019

Documents to Complete and Submit

____ Application Pledge and Release of Information
____ Application, Parts One, Two, and Three
____ Making a Difference
____ Essay
____ Letter(s) of Recommendation (optional)

Application Pledge and Release of Information

By my signature below I pledge that:

A. The statements made and circumstances represented throughout this application
   for the St. Barbara Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program are truthful to the best
   of my knowledge.

B. The essay accompanying this form is entirely my own work, although it may have
   been reviewed by teachers, parents, or guardians.

By my signature below I understand and agree that:

A. The information submitted in this application will be reviewed by the St. Barbara
   Knights of Columbus Scholarship Selection Committee.

B. I hereby agree that if I am awarded the St. Barbara Knights of Columbus
   Scholarship, general information may be released to my high school and
   local newspaper(s).

Applicant name (please print) ______________________________________________________

Applicant signature ___________________________Date__________________

Parent or Guardian’s name (Please print) ____________________________________________

Parent or Guardian’s signature ___________________________Date__________________
Application

Complete this form neatly using blue or black ink only.
Answer all of the questions or mark N/A for “not applicable”.

Part One – Applicant Information

First Name_______________________Middle Initial____Last Name________________

Mailing Address____________________________________

City_________________State__________

Zip___________________________

Home Phone (______)______-___________ Cell Phone (_____)_____-__________

E-mail _______________________________________________________

Part Two – High School Enrollment Information

I have attended the following high schools:

1. ________________________________________________________________________________

2. ________________________________________________________________________________

I am graduating from _____________________________School.

Part Three – College or Vocational School Enrollment Plans

Please list the colleges, trade schools and or programs in which you are interested and plan to apply to for admissions.

College or Vocational School

__________________________________________________

Intended Major

__________________________________________________

Anticipated field of study

__________________________________________________
College or Vocational School

Intended Major

Anticipated field of study

College or Vocational School

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Anticipated field of study

Please identify the final College or Vocational degrees or certificates you expect to receive:

Associate’s Degree________ Bachelor’s Degree______________

Other__________________
ESSAY QUESTION 2019

In a double-spaced essay of 600 – 800 words, address the following prompt. Be thoughtful and specific in your response, including details and examples to help the committee distinguish your life journey and your goals from those of other applicants. Please include essay with your application packet.

Scholarship Essay Prompt: In April 2018, Pope Francis released his statement on holiness, "Rejoice and Be Glad." One line of the document states, "It is true that the primacy belongs to our relationship with God, but we cannot forget that the ultimate criterion on which our lives will be judged is what we have done for others."

Question: As you consider how your life thus far might be judged, reflect on what you have done and/or failed to do for others, either in your personal life or volunteer work. Please use specific examples or stories, and explain how you hope to serve others in your post-high school life.
Making a Difference

List below or attach a list of activities in which you have participated within the school environment, including sports, clubs, volunteering, elected positions of leadership, and honors and awards received. Explain how your involvement helped you or others.

List below or attach a list of activities outside the school environment where your involvement made a difference. You may list community service, volunteer work, job experience, or club sports. Explain how your involvement helped you and others. You may list honors and awards.
Instructions to Receive Scholarship Credit

The St. Barbara Knights of Columbus will make a presentation of the checks to the scholarship winners at a mass prior to the students’ departure for school. Please contact Zbig Kasprzyk, Scholarship Program Director, to make arrangements if you are a scholarship recipient.

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