

## **Belmont Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program**

**Purpose** This Scholarship Program will assist members of the Knights of Columbus Council 10943 with their family's higher education expenses.

**Eligibility** Active Council members in good standing, their spouses, and their dependents are eligible to apply for a scholarship award under this program. Surviving immediate family members of deceased Knights who were active in Council 10943 are also eligible.

If an active Council member pays at least \$1,000 towards higher education expenses of a person who is not his dependent, that person may also apply for an award under this program.

A Knight will be considered an active member of Council 10943 if he participates in at least 6 Council meetings, fundraisers, or community service programs during the fraternal year (July-June). A Knight may request that the Scholarship Committee reduce or waive this participation standard for him because of health issues or other special circumstances. A member in good standing must be a practicing Catholic and not delinquent in his annual Council dues.

Applicants must have been accepted, or have an application pending, into an undergraduate or graduate degree program with an accredited higher education institution, for either the upcoming summer or fall session.

Applicants will be considered on these factors:

- academic standing and achievements
- service to school / community / church
- letters of recommendation
- previous receipt of this award

Applicants may re-apply in a future year if they remain otherwise eligible, but preference will be given to applicants who have not previously received an award.

**Awards** Up to three (3) awards in the amount of \$400 may be awarded each year.

A supplemental award of \$100 will be made to recipients who attend a Catholic college or university.

The Council may make appropriate adjustments to the set award amounts from time to time.

A person who has received an award from this Scholarship Program may apply for another award in a subsequent year, but that person's application will be considered only if the maximum number of awards for that year has not been reached and there are no other applicants who had not previously received an award.

If more than one previous award recipient applies, preference shall be given to the person(s) with the fewest previous awards.

**Funding** The Council will take appropriate steps to ensure that, by February, its scholarship account has sufficient funds for that year's potential awards.

**Application Process** Application forms will be available from the Council each January and may be submitted from March 1 through April 30. The form will also be posted on the Council's website ([www.belmontknights.org](http://www.belmontknights.org)).

The Council's Scholarship Committee will consist of the current year's Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, and One-Year Trustee. This Committee will review all applications and recommend up to three award recipients.

The Council Trustees will approve or reject each recommendation.

At the Council's June meeting, the Scholarship Committee will report the number of applications received, the number determined to be eligible, and the names of the awardees. Awards will be presented to the recipients that month.

The Scholarship Committee will notify applicants not selected for an award as to their eligibility and potential to apply the following year, along with any appropriate feedback on their non-selection.