



Knights of Columbus - Council #10914
St. Patrick's Catholic Church – Onalaska, WI

2021 Scholarship Application

- Purpose:** The Knights of Columbus strive to support the young people of our community. One way in which we provide this support is by assisting graduating high school seniors of St. Patrick's Parish in pursuing post-secondary education.
- Amount:** One or two \$500 scholarships will be made available.
- Eligibility:** Applicants must be:
- A practicing Catholic.
 - A member of St. Patrick's Parish in Onalaska, WI.
 - A graduating high school senior who will be accepted to an accredited college, university, technical college, junior college, community college, trade school, etc., for the 2021 fall semester. The applicant must plan to enroll in a program that is at least two semesters in length and the applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student during the 2021 fall semester.
- Selection:** To be considered for this award, the following application materials **must be submitted by mail** and must be postmarked by March 26th, 2021:
- A completed scholarship application form.
 - One letter of recommendation from a high school faculty member on why the applicant should be considered for this award.
 - An essay response to the question posed on page two of this application.
- All completed application documents must be sent to:
- Brian Wyland
802 Case Court
Holmen, WI 54636
(608) 797-6878
- The recipient of this scholarship will be selected without regard to race, gender, or nationality. The name of the individual who receives this scholarship will be presented to both the parish as well as to our Knights of Columbus Council.
- Payment:** The scholarship will be paid directly to the educational institution on behalf of the student after completion of the 2021 fall semester in good standing and with proof of second semester enrollment. Fall transcripts will be provided by the student to verify that full-time student status was maintained and that the student GPA meets the 'good standing' criteria of the educational institution. If for some reason the student is unable to meet all of the criteria or eligibility items required for payment, the Knights of Columbus reserve the right to rescind or postpone the award.
- Criteria:** The following will be considered in determining the recipient of the scholarship award:
- Parish and community involvement (40%)
 - Essay response (40%)
 - Recommendation letter (20%)

(Percentages reflect the weight given to each category in the evaluation process)

Note: If it is determined necessary by the committee, interviews may be used as part of the selection process in determining the recipient.



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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email Address: _____

High School: _____ GPA _____ Number of Years Attended: _____

Name and location of post-secondary educational institution that you will attend during the 2021–2022 year:

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Intended Area(s) of Study: _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

Parent Email: _____ Parent Phone: _____

Parish and Community Involvement

On a separate piece of paper, please list Parish and Community Activities and Years of Involvement (i.e. parish related service – altar server, lector, fish fry worker; volunteer work; community organizations; etc.):
Note: It is important to include the number of times, number of hours, and number of years involved with each activity.

Recommendation Letter

The author of the recommendation letter must be a faculty member of the high school attended by the applicant and the following information should be contained within the letter:

- His or her relationship to the applicant.
- How long he or she has known the applicant.
- Qualities, experiences, and/or examples of why the applicant should receive this award.

Essay Question

To be considered for this scholarship, your essay response to the question below must be:

- Typed In a 12-point font size
- Double-Spaced
- Between 350 and 450 words

Please note that grammar and spelling will be considered in the evaluation of the essay response.

Essay Question: How do you plan to use your gifts, talents, and education to serve God and the people of this world?

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

By signing this application, you are confirming that you have reviewed this entire application and understand the criteria required for the scholarship payment to be made.