

TSC Educational Grant Information

The Texas State Council will award one \$1,000 Educational Grant per diocese and two additional \$1,000 Educational Grants to Columbian Squires. **Applications for these grants are due March 1, 2015.** Winners will be announced at the State Convention. Applications for these grants are available at the Texas State Web Site www.tkofo.org, in the Star Guide and from your District Deputy.

The Educational Grant Application is NEW this year. Older forms are not accepted.

Remember: This is an educational grant based on NEED! Need is defined as a demonstration of hardship for the applicant and/or his/her family.

Who Is Eligible for the Educational Grant?

- The applicant must be a Knight of Columbus member (in good standing of a council located in Texas), his wife, son or daughter. Dependents of deceased members or deceased grandfathers, who were in good standing, are also eligible. Additionally, a grandson or granddaughter of a member in good standing in a Council in Texas may apply if their father is not a Knight or is not in good standing.
- Educational Grant money is for education in a University, College, Junior College, Technical School, Business School or Seminary.
- The application must be complete and received on time (March 1).
- The sponsoring Council's per capita must be paid in full and not be suspended. The Sponsoring Council's Grand Knight's signature (in Part 6) on the application attests that the Council's Per Capita is paid and the Council is not suspended.
- The complete guidelines for the Educational Grant Application may be found on page 1 of the application which is available at:
 - Texas State Web Site www.tkofo.org
 - in the Star Guide
 - from the Council's District Deputy or Grand Knight
 - contact Aid to Education Chairman, dczwingman@sbcglobal.net

What is Need?

For the purposes of the TSC Aid to Education Grant, **Need** is defined as a demonstration of hardship for the applicant or his/her family. Some examples are:

- severe illness in the family
- death of the major earner in the family or parent
- major income loss
- number of individuals in the family attending college or private schools
- large number of family members living at home
- etc.

Overview of the Aid to Education Process

1. Applicant obtains a copy of the Texas State Council Aid to Education Grant Application. This application can be obtained by several methods:
 - a. on the TSC website, <http://www.tkofc.org> and go to the forms link on the bottom right of that home page. Look for the Texas State Council Aid to Education Grant application and print. Make sure it is the application effective September 2014.
 - b. from the local Knights of Columbus Council Grand Knight or the area District Deputy. Make sure it is the application effective September 2014. For the Grand Knight and/or the District Deputy a copy of the form is in their Star Guide, version 2014-2015, pp. 83-86.
 - c. contact the Chairman of the Aid to Education Committee and he will e-mail you a copy of the current form:
David C. Zwingman, dczwingman@sbcglobal.net
2. All the instructions for completion of the application form and eligibility requirements are on page 1 of the Texas State Council Aid to Education Grant Application. The applicant must follow these instructions including the due date listed on the form. The due date will be March 1. The address for submittal of the form and all pertinent data and transcripts is shown on the last page of the application. Supporting information, such as outside source letters and transcripts, etc., can be submitted separately to the address for submittal.
3. The Aid to Education Committee meets in mid-March to review all applications. The applications are separated by respective Diocese and Squires. These applications are scored and the Candidate Winners for each Diocese and Squires are selected with two alternates. These Candidate Winners are presented to the delegates of the annual Knights of Columbus State Convention in either late April or early May for their approval.
4. After the State Convention those applicants who not awarded the Texas State Council Aid to Education Grant are notified of not receiving the Grant and encouraged to apply the following year. The applicants who were selected for the Grant will be notified officially from the Texas State Office for verification of the school to be attended. Once that verification information is received, the Texas State Council sends the money directly to the school of choice in the student's name for credit on the student's account. This usually is occurs in late June or July depending on the quickness of all the winning applicants' responses.

District Deputy Responsibility

1. Spread the aforementioned information among your councils and be an information source for the Grand Knights or applicants if they should ask.
2. Understand the TSC Aid to Education Grant and its availability locations.
3. If you have any further questions, please contact David C. Zwingman, Chairman for the Aid to Education Committee at dczwingman@sbcglobal.net .