

Knights of Columbus
Sangamon Valley Council #5754
Petersburg, Illinois

February 23, 2021

Dear Graduate:

Congratulations on your impending graduation. The Knights of Columbus Council #5754 believes in higher education opportunities, academic achievement, and community service. We are pleased to provide opportunities for PORTA graduates to compete for the following William T. Kelly Scholarships.

- A. (2) four-year scholarships
- B. (2) two-year scholarships
- C. (4) one-year scholarships

Please see the enclosed Scholarship Fund Policy/Application Instruction Form and Official Application for more details.

Application must be turned in to Mrs. Taylor-Guidance Officer- by April 9, 2021. Mrs. Taylor will present the applications to the Knights of Columbus representative.

May God grant you success and happiness in everything you do!

Respectfully,

K of C Council #5754

Knights of Columbus
Council #5754
William T. Kelly Scholarship Fund &
Application Instructions for 2019

Note: The information included in this application will only be used by the Scholarship Committee. After scholarships have been awarded, applications will be destroyed.

Scholarship Fund Policy

K of C Council #5754 believes in higher education opportunities for the youth in the faith communities we serve. The William T. Kelly Estate, through K of C Council #5754 has an established scholarship fund for graduating PORTA students pursuing higher education.

- FOUR YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS – each year up to 2 students may be select to receive a \$3,500 scholarship renewable annually for a maximum of four years (\$14,000 total). These scholarships are targeting those students attending a 4-year college.
- TWO YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS – each year up to 2 students may be selected to receive a \$1,500 scholarship renewable annually for a maximum of two years (\$3,000 total). These scholarships are targeting those students attending a 2 year community college or trade school.
- ONE YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS – each year up to 4 students may be selected to receive a single year scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. These scholarships are for one year only and not renewable. These scholarships are targeting students attending a 4-year college.

1. Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship, the applicant must meet (and provide documentation supporting) the below criteria:

- Must have graduated from PORTA High School
- Must attend an accredited university, college, or trade school as a fulltime student
- Must have demonstrated the qualities identified in the selection criteria

2. Selection Criteria

Applications for the Knights of Columbus William T. Kelly Scholarship shall be judged on basis of criterion identified below. Criteria will be evaluated annually. Criteria include: academic achievement, academic potential, academic honors, extracurricular activities, community service, and personal goals.

A Council Scholarship Review Committee consisting of members of Council #5754, assigned by the Grand Knight, will review applications for mandatory requirements, and bring a recommendation to the full Council for approval to award scholarships.

This committee will also review facts pertaining to any extenuating circumstances listed on applications and provide findings on these facts with their recommendations.

Knights of Columbus
Council #5754
William T. Kelly Scholarship
Official 2019 College Scholarship Application

This application must be completed fully, all questions answered, to receive consideration for a scholarship to be awarded by Council #5754. If there are any questions regarding completion of this application, please contact a member of Knights of Columbus Council #5754.

1. Personal Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

High School Attending: _____

Methods of Contact: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Were you employed (paid) during your high school years? yes no

If yes, which years did you work? Fresh Soph Jr Sr

What type of work did you do? _____

How many hours did you work per week on average during school? _____

How many hours did you work weekly during summer vacation? _____

Provide the following information regarding your post high school education plans:

Name of Institution: _____

Location of Institution: _____

Degree/Profession Sought: _____

Annual Cost of Education (full time): _____

2. Academic Achievement

Current Grade Point Average: _____ Class Rank _____

SAT Scores: Total _____ Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____

ACT Scores: Total _____ Read _____ English _____ Math _____ Sci _____ Writing _____

*** For Sections 3-9 Below, Provide Answers on Additions Sheets of Paper***

3. Extracurricular Activities

Describe the extracurricular activities (Band, Choir, Clubs, Yearbook, Athletics, etc.) participated in during your high school years, indicate the number of years you participated in the activity and any leadership positions you held in relation to that

activity. You may also provide any projects you led/directed while involved in those activities.

4. Community Service

Describe any social or service acts you participated in. These may include community service group projects, church and faith-based service projects, and other volunteer activities. Include the number of years you participated in these activities, and any office or leadership positions you held. You may also include specific projects you completed as part of your community service.

5. Personal Goals

Include an essay of no more than 500 words describing your personal goals and how your continued education will help you achieve those objectives.

6. Other Information

Include any additional information you feel will assist the scholarship committee in a selection. (letters of recommendation are Not required but may be included).

Application and Documentation (Note: The applicant may attach additional pages for each of the items requested in the application.)

To be considered for a scholarship, an applicant must:

- 1- Complete the 2021 scholarship application having answered all applicable questions.
- 2- Attach a certified transcript of his/her high school and higher education grades.
- 3 Include a copy of a letter of acceptance from the University, College, or Trade School. If an acceptance letter is not available at the time of application, the Council must receive a copy of the letter of acceptance before making an award. (if a college or trade school doesn't give a letter of acceptance, a copy of the Official Class Roster/Schedule and Proof of Registration will be accepted)
- 4 All documentation must reach the Committee NO LATER THAN the announced deadline for application. Each applicant is responsible to see that the application reaches the Knights of Columbus Council by the deadline. There will be no exceptions.

7. RETURN ALL APPLICATIONS TO: Mrs. Taylor-PORTA Guidance Office

I, the undersigned verify that all the information provided in this application is true and accurate.

Print Name: _____ Signature _____

Date: _____

Remember to Include:

Completed application

Personal Goals Essay

Transcript

Letters of Acceptance from Universities, Colleges, or Trade School.

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