

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Knights of Columbus
2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Dear Student and Parent/Guardian,

SEAS Knights of Columbus Council 14690 will be awarding scholarships for the continuation of graduating St. Elizabeth Ann Seton High School Students' education. Additionally, a Knight from Council 14690, in good standing as of January 31st, may sponsor a child or grandchild and may also sponsor a Catholic student that belongs to a parish that does not have a Knights of Columbus council. The awards will be presented in May 2025. Scholarships will be based on various criteria such as involvement in the parish, service to the community, high school GPA, scholastic test scores, financial need, and extracurricular activities.

Graduating students continuing their education at a University, College, Trade or Vocational school are invited to submit the attached scholarship application. Please thoroughly review the guidelines for more information on how to complete and submit the application. Applications must be received no later than April 4, 2025.

Best of luck to all students.

Sincerely,

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2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

GUIDELINES:

Knights of Columbus Scholarships are available to graduating high school students, who are members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, continuing to University, College, Vocational or Trade Schools.

You may type the application. But, if submitting the application by hand, please use blue or black ink and ensure that the information you submit is legible. Remember, if the judges cannot read the information you submit, they will not be able to assign a score for the illegible information. You must complete **ALL blanks** in Sections 1 and 2 along with Signatures on the Grand Knight's letter. ***APPLICATIONS WITH MISSING INFORMATION WILL BE REJECTED OR SHALL RECEIVE NO SCORE FOR THE SECTION WHERE THE INFORMATION HAS NOT BEEN PROVIDED.***

Application forms can be submitted in hard copy to the St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church office at 8500 Cross Mountain Trail, San Antonio, Texas, 78255, OR by electronic submission to Jody Tovar at jtovar5@gmail.com. You must submit the completed application **NO LATER THAN Friday, April 4, 2025**. Please see the Scholarship Award Scoring Guidelines at the end of this document for more details about submission methods and deadlines.

Late applications WILL NOT be accepted (NO EXCEPTIONS).

Name of Applicant: _____

Address of Applicant: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Parent's Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian's Name - Printed

Parent/Guardian's Signature

If Sponsored, Knight's Name

If Sponsored, Knight's Signature

(AT LEAST ONE SIGNATURE BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN IS REQUIRED)

Section 1: General Information

With whom do you live? Parents Other Relative Guardian

Parent's marital status: Married Separated Divorced One or more parent deceased

What college, university or trade school do you plan to attend?

1st choice _____
Name City, State

2nd choice _____
Name City, State

Major field of study: 1st choice _____
2nd choice _____

Have you applied for admission at a college, university, or trade school? Yes No

Describe your career goal: _____

Have you received other scholarships? Yes No If yes, provide names and amounts:

Section 2: Parent Information Section

Number of dependent children in family (including applicant): _____ Ages: _____

Number of family members who will be in college next year (including applicant): _____

Section 3: Academic Achievement (Maximum of 250 points)

Please provide your grade point average (GPA) in high school as well as your SAT and/or ACT score below. If you took both the SAT & ACT tests, please provide the score for both tests. If you took either test more than once, please show only the highest score achieved on each test.

SAT scores: Math _____ Verbal _____ Composite _____

ACT score: _____ GPA: _____ (out of maximum, e.g., 4.0 _____)

Section 4: Honors and Academic Awards (Maximum 100 points)

Please list in the space below any honors or academic awards you received while in high school. Include any honors or awards you received while participating in organizations at school as well as organizations outside of school. Use additional paper if you need more space.

Section 5: Work Experience (Maximum of 75 points)

If you worked outside of the home during any of your high school years, please identify where you worked, how many hours you typically worked each week and your job title. Use additional paper if you need more space.

Freshman Year: _____

Sophomore Year: _____

Junior Year: _____

Senior Year: _____

Section 6: Community Service (Except Church) (Maximum of 50 points)

In the space below please describe any community service you performed in your community. This includes any activities where you volunteered your time without payment. Typical examples include volunteering time to feed the homeless, tutoring other students, being a camp counselor, teaching a skill to other people, helping at a charity event, working in Habitat for Humanity, working at a car wash, and donating the money to charity etc. Be creative! Please estimate the number of hours you spent each year performing community service. Use additional paper if you need more space.

Do not include volunteer activities you performed at the church – you will fill that information in Section 9.

Freshman Year: _____

Sophomore Year: _____

Junior Year: _____

Senior Year: _____

Section 7: Leadership (Maximum 100 points)

Please list any activities where you demonstrated leadership skills at school, work, or extracurricular activities. For example, include any offices you held in organizations or activities you participated in, or advancements in the workplace. You may include here any leadership positions you held in church organizations e.g., Life Teen. Use additional paper if you need more space.

Freshman Year: _____

Sophomore Year: _____

Junior Year: _____

Senior Year: _____

Section 8: Extracurricular Activities (Except Church) (Maximum of 50 points)

Please list any extracurricular activities you participated in during high school. This includes clubs, school bands, athletics, scouts, and student government. **Do not include extracurricular activities you performed at the church** – that information is asked for in Section 9. Use additional paper if you need more space.

Freshman Year: _____

Sophomore Year: _____

Junior Year: _____

Senior Year: _____

Section 9: Parish Participation (Maximum of 50 points)

Please list any activities you participated in within your parish, e.g., Life Teen. Please also list where you volunteered your time assisting in parish activities (e.g., working at the church festival, participating in a retreat, etc.). Use additional paper if you need more space.

Please include an estimate of the number of hours spent participating in parish activities.

Freshman Year: _____

Sophomore Year: _____

Junior Year: _____

Senior Year: _____

Section 10: Financial Need (Maximum 50 points)

Please explain why you need financial assistance. Use extra pages if necessary.

Section 11: Essay (Maximum 75 points)

Please answer ONE of the following questions. Your 250–350-word response should be typed and double-spaced. Please put your Name at the top of each page.

1. How do you hope to change the world or improve your chosen profession?
2. Looking back over your high school years, what are you most proud of?
3. Why do I deserve a scholarship?

**St Elizabeth Ann Seton
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Scholarship Award Scoring Guidelines**

General

- Scholarships will be awarded to deserving male or female candidates based upon their SAT/ACT Test Scores, participation in extracurricular activities, work related activity and financial need. The scoring system used by the judges attempts to identify well-rounded individuals.
- Scholarships are awarded by members of the Knights of Columbus scholarship committee. There are at least 3 judges on the scholarship committee and only the committee chairman knows the identity of the person on each application form.
- Scores listed below are assigned to 9 areas on each scholarship application.
 - Academic achievement
 - Honors and academic awards
 - Work experience
 - Community service
 - Leadership roles
 - Participation in extracurricular activities
 - Participation in parish activities
 - Financial need
 - Written Essay
- To promote impartiality, members of the scholarship committee evaluate application forms which are uniquely numbered but do not show the name of the applicant. The names of the scholarship applicants are known only after the winning candidates have been selected.
- Any questions concerning this application form should be addressed to Jody Tovar, Scholarship Committee Chairman, at jtovar5@gmail.com or 713-447-7537.

Scholarship Application Form Due Date

You must submit the completed scholarship application **NO LATER THAN 5:00 pm on Friday, April 4, 2025.**

You may submit the scholarship application using either of the following options:

Option 1: Deliver a hard copy of the completed application to the receptionist at the office of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church at 8500 Cross Mountain Trail, San Antonio, TX 78255.

Option 2: Submit a scanned copy of the completed scholarship application electronically to the Scholarship Committee at the following address jtovar5@gmail.com. **PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT THE ONLINE APPLICATION TO ANY OTHER E-MAIL ADDRESS.** If you submit your application online, the Committee Chairman will send an email to the address shown on the application form confirming that he has received your application. If you do not receive confirmation within 24 hours, please contact Jody Tovar at 713-447-7537

Scoring the Application Forms

- A maximum of 800 points can be awarded to each applicant.
- As discussed above, scores are assigned to 9 different areas. The 9 different areas in the evaluation carry different weights, emphasizing the importance assigned to that area. For example, leadership roles are weighted more heavily than work experience. The goal is to select a well-rounded individual.
- Judges assign points to each of the areas shown below for each applicant.
 - Academic achievement (maximum 250 points)
 - Honors and academic awards (maximum 100 points)
 - Work experience (maximum 75 points)
 - Community service (maximum 50 points)
 - Leadership roles (maximum 100 points)
 - Participation in extracurricular activities (maximum 50 points)
 - Participation in parish activities (maximum 50 points)
 - Financial need (maximum 50 points)
 - Written Essay (maximum 75 points)
- It is expected that each applicant will provide all the information required to properly evaluate and score the application. The applicant will not normally be contacted if information is missing on the application form.
- If required information is not provided, a score of **ZERO** will be assigned to the section with the missing information. For example, if you do not provide information about leadership positions you have held, the judge will award you a score of **ZERO** for that area.
- Winning applicants are selected based upon the total scores for each candidate without regard to other scholarships awarded to the applicant by other parish organizations.

General Instructions for Completing this Application

- Make sure that you provide the information required to assign a score for the 9 areas. Provide details and do not be vague!
- If you cannot fit all the information in the boxes on the application form, include the information in separate pages and attach them to the application.
- *Please double check your application before submitting it.*

Good Luck!!!