



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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2024/2025 JAMES F. GEHRING CATHOLIC SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICANT NAME: _____ SCHOOL _____

CURRENT SCHOOL GRADE: _____ PARISH: _____

MEMBER NAME: _____ E-MAIL: _____

ACTIVITY DATA

LIST ANY SCHOOL OR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES THAT YOU ENJOY:

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

1. (For those who have received Confirmation) How has your faith life changed since receiving Confirmation? What gifts of the Holy Spirit are you discovering in your life now?
2. (For those who have not yet received First Holy Communion) What does it mean to you to receive First Holy Communion? How do you think it might change you?
3. Choose a favorite canonized saint and explain why you chose that particular saint and how they inspire you to be a better Catholic.
4. How would you explain the Sacrament of Reconciliation to non-Catholic friends and the many ways Reconciliation benefits you personally?

NOTE to Parents: If your child is overwhelmed by the topics due to age or other circumstances feel free to simplify the topic as required. You can also be creative about how they deliver the essay. For example, very young children might draw a picture and add a few key words. For others, you might briefly interview them about the topic and capture their responses. Our goal is not to be difficult, but rather to get them thinking about their identity as Catholics.

APPLICANT

PARENT / GUARDIAN (IF UNDER 18 YEARS)

SIGNATURE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION & ESSAY TO
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, PO BOX 25, BATAVIA, IL 60510

ALL APPLICATIONS & ESSAYS MUST BE **POST MARKED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2024** TO BE CONSIDERED



**COUNCIL #2191 - JAMES F. GEHRING CATHOLIC SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP
RULES AND REQUIREMENTS**

- 1) Only one application and essay will be accepted per student, each year, for eligibility to participate in the scholarship.
- 2) Application and essay must be received by the date indicated on the application.
- 3) Essay must be a maximum of 500 words, and the applicant must address the required topic which can be changed from year to year.
- 4) Scholarships will be granted to only those students who are or will be attending a Catholic Elementary or High School and receiving a Catholic education. Scholarships will not be awarded to students home schooled.
- 5) Scholarships will be awarded only for the current school year at the school in which the student is currently enrolled.
- 6) Scholarship payments will be made by check and made payable to the order of the involved school, referencing the recipient, for each scholarship awarded.
- 7) Scholarship candidates will be eligible only if they are an immediate family (defined as 1st generation) member of a member of Council 2191 in good standing,
- 8) The number and monetary amount of each scholarship awarded will be decided by the Knights of Columbus, Council 2191, Scholarship Committee.
- 9) All applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision. Applicants not awarded a scholarship will be notified as to the reason why it was denied; i.e. not enough funds, not attending a Catholic school, not eligible based on established criteria, not completed properly or completely.
- 10) Applicants will be required to complete the application in its entirety and follow all instructions presented on the application. Failure to do so will eliminate the applicant.
- 11) Applications and essays will not be returned to applicant and will be property of the Knights of Columbus, Council 2191