

Knights of Columbus - Sangamon Valley Council #5754
William T. Kelly Continuing Education Scholarship Application Packet

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Dear Applicant:

Congratulations on your continued pursuit of higher education. The Knights of Columbus Council #5754 is pleased to provide scholarship opportunities to past PORTA high school graduates for continued education.

This application is for the Fall 2025 – Spring 2026 School year and must be **received by July 25, 2025**. Late applications will not be accepted. Successful applicants will be notified by August 1, 2025.

Please review the 1) Scholarship Fund Policy, 2) Eligibility, 3) Selection Criteria and 4) Selection Methods carefully before completing the scholarship application and short essays.

All information, including the 1) typed application, 2) typed short essays, transcripts and proof of enrollment for the upcoming school year should be delivered prior to the deadline to:

Scholarship Committee Chair
Knights of Columbus Council #5754
PO Box 41
Petersburg, IL 62675

Or email to kofc5754@yahoo.com

If you have any questions, please contact the Committee Chair at 217-341-7171.

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

Respectfully,

Scholarship Committee
Knights of Columbus, Council #5754
Petersburg, IL

**Knights of Columbus Council #5754
William T. Kelly Continuing Education Scholarship
Application 2022**

Deadline: July 25

Scholarship Fund Policy:

The Knights of Columbus Council #5754 believes in higher education opportunities for youth in the faith communities we serve. The William T. Kelly Estate, through the Council has established a scholarship fund for graduating PORTA students pursuing higher education. In addition to offering scholarships to graduating seniors from PORTA high school, this scholarship annually provides up to four \$2,000 scholarships to past PORTA high school graduates. These scholarships are awarded annually based on received applications.

Eligibility:

- Graduate of PORTA High School - Petersburg, Illinois
- Currently attending an accredited university or college as a full-time student pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree
- Must demonstrate the qualities identified in the selection criteria
- Those students currently receiving a renewable scholarship are not eligible.

Selection Criteria:

- **Post-secondary academic achievement** – this will primarily be based on GPA but may also include postsecondary academic honors
- **Charity** (aka community service) is one of the four (4) principles of the Knights of Columbus and service to others is a responsibility of all people.
- **Patriotism**, like Charity, is one of four (4) principles held by the Knights of Columbus. Support of this Nation, its people and its values make us the greatest citizens.
- **Professional Path**

Selection Method:

Applications for the Knights of Columbus William T. Kelly Continuing Education Scholarships shall be judged by a committee of active members from Council #5754 appointed by the Grand Knight. Committee members will review applications to 1) ensure eligibility, 2) ensure all required information is provided and 3) rank applicants. The top four applicants will be recommended for awards. Applications will be destroyed after awards are finalized.

Continuing Education Scholarship Application

Contact Information:

Name:
Address:
City, ST, Zip Code:
Email:
Mobile / Text:

What year did you graduate from PORTA high school?

Completed Post-Secondary Education:

University Attended:
Final GPA / honors:
Degree:
Major(s) / minor(s):

Current Post-Secondary Education:

University Attending:
Current GPA:
Degree Sought:
Major(s) / minor(s):
Annual Tuition Cost:

Short Essays:

Answer each of the below questions with a short essay that includes no more than 250 words.

- 1) How have you practiced charity and service to others after high school?
- 2) How have you practiced patriotism and support for our nation after high school?
- 3) Why did you choose your career path?

Application and Documentation:

To be considered for this application, you must:

- 1) Fully complete and submit the scholarship application and short essays. Application and essays must be typed.
- 2) Attach a final transcript(s) of all post-secondary education completed
- 3) Attach a current transcript of current post-secondary education
- 4) Attach proof of attendance for the upcoming school year (class schedule, university bill) 5) All information should be delivered (before the deadline) to:

Chairman of Scholarship Committee
Knights of Columbus Council #5754
PO Box 41
Petersburg, IL 62675 or email to kofc5754@yahoo.com

Questions?

Contact the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee:

IMPORTANT: by submitting, you certify the information you provide in this application is true and accurate.