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Alamo Council 4298

Thomas Wayne Finto Scholarship Application

2026 application must be postmarked by May 15, 2026

Please review the following information to be sure you meet all the eligibility criteria before completing this application.

The 2026 Thomas Wayne Finto Scholarship will be awarded by the Knights of Columbus Alamo Council 4298 in a competitive process that may consider: volunteer commitment, charitable activities, church involvement, attendance at Saint Pius X Catholic School San Antonio, Student or family membership in the Knights of Columbus, academic achievement, personal statement of what the student has learned by participation in charitable activities and how has this prepared them for additional education opportunities. The scholarship is renewable for up to four (4) years and if the recipient maintains qualifying renewal-specific criteria. The scholarship will reimburse students for paid tuition, books, fees, supplies and equipment required for any full-time course load at colleges, universities or technical schools.

Scholarship

The Thomas Wayne Finto Scholarship provides a new or renewal scholarship at \$1000.00 per year for up to four years to attend a school of learning full time beyond High School.

Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for a new scholarship award, all students must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Will be a 2026 high school graduate.**
- Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.**
- Be a United States Citizen or lawful permanent resident.**
- Planning to enroll as a full-time first-year student in a school of higher learning.**
- Demonstrates a commitment to volunteerism for charitable endeavors.**
- Completed application materials by the postmarked deadline date.**



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Instructions

Respond to each applicable field. Please print legibly.

Personal Information

Student first, middle initial and last name (ex John D. Smith).

Mailing Address

Home Phone

Cell Phone

E-mail

Date of Birth

Schools of higher learning that you are applying for the school year 2025-2026:

Note: Trade Schools and/or Junior Colleges do qualify for scholarships.

What is important is your commitment to service.

Contingent to your enrollment provide name and address the reimbursement check is to be provided to (this must be accurate to send scholarship checks) Check will be paid directly to applicant or applicant family rather than the school if you wish.

Intended course of study:



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Your cumulative GPA – must be equal to or more than 2.5 (80% or B-) _____

Have you attended Saint Pius X School located in San Antonio TX? Yes / No
Year of attendance _____ (not required to be considered)

Have you been a member of the Columbian Squires or your parent, grandparent or guardian been a member of the Knights of Columbus? Yes / No

If you have a relative in the Knights of Columbus provide name and contact information of member (if member is deceased list 'deceased' on contact information)

Name: _____

Phone No: _____ E-mail: _____

Please prepare in your own words and submit a typed essay (250-500 words) answering the following questions (Please respond in resume style):

In what ways have you volunteered your time and talent to support charitable endeavors in your community/school or church?

What have you learned from your charitable activities that have prepared you for your future?

Please include your own experience and examples.

Save and Print Instructions

- Once application and essay are completed, save the file on your computer as your name plus date.
- Print the application, sign and date.

Application Materials

In one envelope submit:

- Completed and signed application form.
- Essay.
- Official High School transcript through the fall semester grades for Senior year, including GPA or GPA equivalent.



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An electronic copy of the required application materials may be submitted to Financial Secretary Tom Krueger at tomk3726@gmail.com to meet the deadline criteria and followed up with the original signature document and High School transcript via United States Postal Service mailed to Financial Secretary Tom Krueger within 7 days of submission deadline.

Any inquiries should be directed to Tom Krueger at tomk3726@gmail.com or via cell phone at (210) 889-3993.

Send Documents to:

**Tom Krueger
Attn: Scholarship Processing
8739 Serene Ridge Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78239-3905**

The information provided in my application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate. I understand that false statements on this application may disqualify me from receiving a scholarship.

Student Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature of legal guardian: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____