



Knights of Columbus Council #10644 Scholarship Announcement:

The Knights of Columbus Council #10644, St Joseph's Parish, is seeking qualified candidates for monetary scholarship grants, in varying amounts, to assist with their college and/or university education endeavors.

*The scholarship(s) is (are) available to Knights in good standing with Council 10644 and their practicing Catholic wives, children and/or grandchildren who will be attending any accredited college or university, recognized by the Committee, in the Fall of **2022**. In addition, a candidate who is awarded a scholarship is eligible every other year and siblings may sponsor siblings, if a sibling is in good standing with our Council # 10644 (Approved change April 17, 2020).*

*All qualified candidates must complete and submit the Application following the Instructions given here by no later than **May 25, 2022**. The Application Form and Instructions are attached.*

***All application Packages should be submitted In-Person to the Grand Knight
Do not mail or email and submit applications to the Parish office***

Upon review of the applications, by the Committee, any/all/ potential recipients may be contacted to attend a meeting with the interviewing panel to further introduce themselves, explain their goals and discuss why they should be given a scholarship. The Committee will make its decision and notify the winners within 15 days after the Interview

Please read the Instructions in its entirety, and Print out the Application Form from here.

*If you still have any questions, you may contact the following Brother Knights:
Ruben Sanchez -Grand Knight-*

Taide Zamora-Deputy Grand Knight

Instructions to Applicants for Our Council Scholarships and Their Sponsoring Knights of St. Joseph's Council 10644

Important: Follow the instructions and understand the Award Evaluation Procedure completely before filling up the Application Form. No modification of Application or alterations will be allowed after Application is submitted.

Knights of Columbus St. Joseph's Council 10644 Scholarship Award Evaluation Procedure.1.0-Revised

Section 1. Eligibility Requirements:

- 1.1 Applicant should be current active member or a close relative of a current active member of St. Joseph's Council 10644
- 1.2 Close Relative means: Wife, Children, Siblings and Grand children
- 1.3 Current means: Membership dues paid until the end of the current year.
- 1.4 Current membership dues of the sponsoring knight must have been paid before submitting the application and before the Application Deadline Published in the Council website.
- 1.5 Active means: Participated, volunteered in at least two Knights of Columbus Events and attended two monthly business meetings in the current Colombian year, attested by Grand Knight and/or by Financial Secretary.
- 1.6 Applicant should be accepted in a accredited college or university for a 2 to 4 year college degree
- 1.7 Students accepted in a 2 or more years of Vocational Training Program, including any Trade School with State or Federal Licensing requirements can apply if all other requirements described here also met.
- 1.8 Applicant should be accepted as a full time student or continuing as full time student
- 1.9 Applicant should be registered in minimum number of courses 3 or more with 12 units in a semester and should be attending the classes in person or through virtual meetings to pursue a degree.
- 1.10 Applicant should produce verification documents for items 1.5 through 1.8
- 1.11 Applicant should have been graduated from High School
- 1.12 Applicant should have attained minimum C+ letter grade and greater than 2.5 Cumulative GPA In the last 3 semesters of school attended
- 1.13 Applicant should be a practicing Catholic
- 1.13.1 Practicing Catholic means: Baptized and sacramentally initiated into Catholic Church and adheres to those substantive life choices which do not impair them from receiving the sacraments
- 1.13.2 Must attend Mass on Sundays and on days of Holy day of Obligation
- 1.13.3 Receive Holy Communion in a State of Grace at least once a year during the Easter season
- 1.13.4 State of Grace means: Condition of the Person after confession of sins to a priest, who is in a state free from mortal sin and pleasing to God
- 1.14 Grand Knight or Scholarship Committee Chairman should verify and vouch for all the above items.

- 1.15 Application must be received within the period specified before the deadline, published in the Council website and or on the newsletter.
- 1.15.1 Applicant should not have received any financial aid or scholarship from St. Joseph's Council 10644 during the previous two years. Scholarship recipients in 2020 are not eligible to apply in 2022. Similarly, Recipients in 2022 need not apply in 2023.
- 1.15.2 Current Grand Knight, Financial Secretary or Scholarship Committee Chairman has the sole authority to reject any application or all applications received, if necessary, which do not comply with any of the eligibility requirements outlined above. Reason/s for rejection will remain confidential and any of the officers of the Council mentioned in section 1.15.2 are not required to explain them to the applicant or applicants sponsoring Knight. Their decision will be final.

Section 2. Personal Essay: 2021-2022 Subject: Catholic faith and its impact on you. Subject may be the same or may vary year after year.

2.1 Application must include an essay written by the applicant, type written around 500 words

2.2 Must be descriptive covering the faith and life experience of the applicant as a Catholic

Section 3. Recommendation Letters:

3.1 Applicant must include minimum 2 recommendation letters and can include more.

They should be from Teachers, Professors, or a person of authority who knew the applicant well.

Section 4. Submission of Application Package

4.1 Candidate should submit the Application package to the **Grand Knight in Person** before the deadline and should include the following:

- A. Completed Application Form
- B. Personal essay on the specified Subject
- C. Recommendation letters: Minimum number of two as specified in section 3.1
- D. Copy of the Current membership card in possession of the sponsoring Knight.
- E. Transcripts to show the grade received by the applicant.
- F. Proof of Registration /Admission Confirmation letter showing applicant is admitted to 2- or 4-year college and currently attending Courses for 12 or more units.

Section 5. Application Review by the Evaluation Committee

5.1 Verify the applications for its completeness.

5.2 If any information is missing, Scholarship Committee Chairman or Grand Knight may request the Missing information such as contact info. Or email address from the applicant if needed, without violating any eligibility requirements

5.3 Read through the application completely including the Essays and Recommendation letters

5.4 Based on the information gathered, scholarship committee members will grade the applicants in good faith in each category In the Grading form attached below without prejudice

Section 6. Verification of Facts stated in the Application and eligibility requirement compliance.

6.1 The following officers of the Council will verify the relevant facts as given below:

6.2 Grand Knight will verify Sections 1.1 and 1.2 and 1.5 concurring with other Brother Knights and Parish members

6.3 Financial Secretary will verify the section 1.4. Candidate or their sponsors will not be allowed to comply with this section after submission of application.

Section 7. Grading Form-Attached form will be used by the Scholarship Committee

7.1 Use the form below

7.2 Enter the appropriate number you think the applicant deserves.

Tabulate and total the Score.

Section 8. Scholarship Award

8.1 Rank the applicants based on the score.

8.2 Scholarship Awards goes to the top candidates.

8.3 Number of Scholarships and the Award amount is decided by the Scholarship Committee concurring With Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and Treasurer of St. Joseph's Council 10644.

8.4 Award Checks are distributed to the Scholarship Recipients in a ceremony or mailed to them in Special Situations such as a Pandemic.

8.5 A Congratulation letter is written and mailed to each Scholarship Recipient by the Grand Knight

8.6 A letter of Encouragement is also written by the Grand Knight and mailed to the non-Recipients.



**Knights of Columbus Council #10644
Scholarship Application**

Name of the Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Sponsoring Knight's Name: _____

KofC Membership No _____

***Is Sponsoring Knight an Active Member? Yes__ No__**

***Is Sponsoring Knight A Practicing Catholic ?Yes__ No**

(*Please see instructions)

College/University attending this Fall: _____

School now attending: _____

Extra- Curricular Activities: _____

Church/Community Activities: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

Church/Parish Attending _____

***Is Applicant A Practicing Catholic? Yes ___ No ___**

***Is Applicant Baptized Yes ___ No ___**

If yes, Where? _____

Is applicant Confirmed Yes ___ No ___

If yes, Where? _____

How do you expect to finance your education? _____

Is two letters of Recommendation submitted with this Application?

Names of the recommending Persons

1) _____

2) _____

Applicant's email address: _____