**2021 Scholarship Application Form and Instructions**

**Church Office: (956) 682-4238**

**FOR USE IN THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY!**

DEADLINE:

Friday, June 11, 2021 by 3 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST)

1. **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

To be considered for a scholarship award, the applicant must demonstrate that they are:

* A **graduating** high school senior in the 2020-2021 academic year;
* Has submitted an application ***or*** has been accepted to an accredited university, college, or trade school as a full-time or part-time student prior to distribution of the scholarship award;
* Recommendation from OLPH Parish Priest and CCD Director (DRE).
* Currently enrolled and regularly attended CCD at OLPH CCD program for at least one (1) year prior to application submission.

1. **SELECTION CRITERIA / CONSIDERATIONS**

Applicants for the Knights of Columbus Council #15362 scholarship shall be evaluated on the basis of financial need, academic achievement, academic potential, academic honors, and including, but not limited to school, community, and church-related extracurricular activities.

Other factors that will be considered, include, but not limited to the following:

* has been a registered parishioner/family of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church – McAllen for at least one(1) year prior to application submission; or
* the child or grandchild of a member in good-standing of the Knights of Columbus Council #15362 without regard to residence; or
* the child or grandchild of a deceased member of the Knights of Columbus Council #15362 who was in good standing at the time of death without regard to residence

**The award of the Knights of Columbus Council #15362 Scholarship to the successful applicant(s) is at the sole discretion of the Knights of Columbus Council #15362, and are FINAL.**

**APPLICATION & DOCUMENTATION**

The successful applicant to be considered for a scholarship award will have:

* Completed the current (2020-2021) application in full, answering all questions.
* Due to the current COVID 19 pandemic, in lieu of an **official** transcript of high school grades; or proof of obtaining a General Equivalency Diploma; or home-school transcript, the council will honor the completion of High School and completion date; GED and completion date; or home school completion and completion date on the application as your attestation of completion.
* Copy of acceptance letter from an accredited trade school, college or university. If not available at time of the application, the Council must receive a copy of the acceptance letter or proof of matriculation before the award is released.
* **Applications that fail to complete all of Application Sections I-VII will be rejected**.

1. **SUBMISSION DEADLINE: \*\* June 11, 2021 @ 3 p.m. CST**

Any application submitted after this date **and** time will not be considered. All information received by the Scholarship Committee will be kept in strict confidence and all documents will retained by the Committee until a final selection of award recipients is made.

Applicants awarded scholarships will be notified by the Knights of Columbus Council #15362 in writing and award letters mailed out no later than June 14, 2021. Scholarship awards will be honored until July 31st of the following year; after expiration of such time the scholarship award will be forfeited.

***It is incumbent on each applicant to make the necessary arrangements and planning to ensure that the application is hand-delivered to the church office in a sealed envelope* by the deadline. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

1. **CONTACT:**

For questions or additional information concerning this scholarship award

program contact **Ronnie Ozuna, Grand Knight** at **(956) 493-6248** or

**Alex Montemayor, Deputy Grand Knight at (956) 827-7793.**

**2020-2021 Academic Year - Scholarship Application Form**

1. **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone Number (\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address City Zip Code

High School \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date of Completion\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

GED completed? (Y/N), if applicable \_\_\_\_\_Date of Completion\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home School completed? (Y/N), if applicable Date of Completion\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Employment, if any? If yes, how long?

Are you a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Parish? (Yes/No): \_\_\_\_

If Yes, Envelope #?

1. **FAMILY INFORMATION**

Father’s Name Living (Yes/No)

Father’s Occupation

Employer

Is a member of your family a member of the Knights of Columbus?

If Yes, Name: Relation:

Mother’s Name Living (Yes/No)

Mother’s Occupation

Employer

Other household members (if needed, attach separate sheet)

Name Age Relationship School/Occupation

1. **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Special Circumstances: (Succinctly describe special financial need – attach pages as needed)

1. **LIST OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ORDER OF PREFERENCE**

**Applied? Accepted?**

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**CAREER INTERESTS:** 1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS**
2. Attach a **resume** which includes your school activities, community service and recognitions.
3. Attach a **timeline** in order by grade level which lists your volunteer service showing length of time involved, total hours volunteered and the contact person’s if verification should be required.
4. Due to the current COVID 19 pandemic, in lieu of an **official** transcript of high school grades; or proof of obtaining a General Equivalency Diploma; or home-school transcript, the council will honor the completion of High School and completion date; GED and completion date; or home school completion and completion date on the application as your attestation of completion.
5. Copy of acceptance letter from an accredited trade school, college or university. If not available at time of the application, the Council must receive a copy of the acceptance letter or proof of matriculation before the award is released.
6. **SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS, HONORS, and RECOGNITIONS**

This should include any extracurricular activities you have or are currently participating in at school and/or at OLPH. Please attach in a separate sheet.

1. **ESSAY**

In a maximum of five-hundred (500) words, please explain how you believe your Catholic faith has carried you through a special or difficult situation in your life. Please attach essay to scholarship application. This is required to be completed for scholarship consideration.

***As evidenced by my signature below, I affirm that I have reviewed and completed the application as set forth in the instructions and answered to the best of my ability Sections I-VII of said application, and further affirm that the information and content is true and correct. I further understand that any section not completed; or if I knowingly provide false information, my application will result in being disqualified or removed from consideration.***

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_