

FATHER PATRICK CAHILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Knights of Columbus Council #9640

Rochester, Illinois

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council #9640, in order to fulfill two of the objectives of the Knights of Columbus, charity and fraternity, with respect and remembrance of the late *Father Pat*, and in recognition of the value and importance of higher education, has established an annual scholarship program known as the Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship. Scholarships will be awarded under the following conditions, regulations, and requirements:

1. **Amount:** A \$750 scholarship will be awarded each year commencing with the 2003-2004 school year. Recipients may renew the scholarship for three consecutive years for a maximum award of \$3,000;
2. **Eligible Candidates:** A scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who meets the following criteria. The applicant is:
 - (A) a child of a third-degree member of Council #9640 in good standing; or
 - (B) a child of a deceased third-degree member of Council #9640 who had been in good standing; or
 - (C) a registered member of St. Jude's Parish, currently attending St. Jude's Church.
3. **Eligible Institutions:** The scholarship award may be used for any post-secondary undergraduate school, including but not limited to, private business and professional schools, colleges, or universities.
4. **Payment of the Award:** Scholarship payments will be made at the beginning of the academic year directly to the school upon proof of enrollment by the scholarship recipient.
5. **Renewal:** As stated above, a scholarship recipient will receive a \$750 scholarship which can be renewed each successive year for a total of four years (the initial year plus three successive years) while the recipient is attending an eligible institution on a full-time basis as defined by the institutional catalogue. If a recipient ceases attending such a school or ceases attendance on a full-time basis, the scholarship shall terminate and shall not be renewable. All scholarship renewals will be approved by the Chair of the Selection Committee. The basis for approving such renewals shall be the following:

the student's achieving a satisfactory grade-point average of a C or above, as evidenced by official college transcripts.
6. **Application Deadline:** All applicants must complete the attached Scholarship Application and return it by **April 15th** of the calendar year to the following address.

Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship Fund
PO Box 47
Rochester, Illinois 62563-0047

Attention: Scholarship Selection Committee

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7. **Scoring Applications:** As set forth in the Selection Committee criteria.
8. **Announcement of Award:** The recipient will be notified in writing of the scholarship award; the formal announcement of the recipient of the scholarship award will be made at the Council's annual Officer's Installation Ceremony in May of that calendar year.
9. **Questions:** Any question concerning applications should be addressed to the Chairman of the standing Selection Committee.

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GENERAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The applicant must submit to the Scholarship Selection Committee **on or before April 15th of the calendar year** the Scholarship Application which consists of the Application Cover Sheet, the Application Format, two (2) Letters of Recommendation, and an official Academic Transcript.

Important Note: Download and save this Scholarship Application. All responses must be typed within the spaces provided. Applicants should not submit hand-written responses.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORMAT

All responses in **Sections A through D** will be entered on the **SCHOLARSHIP RESPONSE FORM**. Please note the following comments for each section.

Section A. Extra-curricular activities:

The applicant is to indicate the activities that are appropriate, along with the amount of time involved for each.

Section B. Church-related activities: The Selection Committee assumes that each applicant has participated in some formal preparation for the reception of the Sacraments and has attended the Parish School of Religion or a similar program. **The applicant should not** consider these activities as part of the response to this section.

Section C. Civic Activities and Organizations: The applicant indicates the civic groups and/or the organizations with which the applicant volunteered, along with the amount of time.

Section D. Honors, Awards, and Offices: The applicant indicates the honors and awards received and the offices held.

Section E. Essay: The purpose of the essay is to provide the Selection Committee with an insight into the applicant's faith experience. Since this is an essay, it is important the applicant begins with a concise statement, supports the statement with examples, and provides a concluding summary paragraph.

Section F. Official High School Transcript: The high school must submit the transcript directly to the parish office, attention **Scholarship Selection Committee**. **If there is a delay, the Selection Committee must be notified, immediately.**

Section G. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation: The applicant should contact two individuals who can provide specific evidence of the academic performance, the personal abilities and skills, and outstanding achievements of the applicant. The applicant should provide a brief overview of the nature of this application to each person who will write a letter. **Parents of the applicant cannot submit a letter on behalf of the applicant.**

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Name of Applicant:

Age:

Current Address:

Telephone Number:

Home Address (if different from Current Address):

Telephone Number (if different from above number):

Name of Church:

Church Address:

Pastor/Minister:

To the best of my knowledge, I have completed the Scholarship Application and attached the following as requested:

- () Application Cover Sheet
- () Scholarship Application Format
- () Academic Transcript
- () Two (2) Letters of Recommendation

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Signature of Applicant

Date Submitted

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORMAT

Directions: Please provide all responses to Sections A through D on the **SCHOLARSHIP RESPONSE FORM**. Written responses (no more than 25 words per section) should be typed, using complete sentences.

As Christians, all are called to be disciples and to serve others through works of mercy. Consider this when responding to the Reflections in Sections A, B, and C.

- A. Indicate any extra-curricular activities in which you have participated during your academic years. Respond to the **Reflection** in the space provided.
- B. Indicate the church-related activities with which you have been involved during your academic years. *(The Selection Committee assumes that each applicant has participated in some formal preparation for the reception of the Sacraments and has attended the Parish School of Religion or a similar program. **The applicant should not** consider these activities as part of the response to this section.)* Respond to the **Reflection** in the space provided.
- C. Indicate the civic activities and/or organizations for which you volunteered during your academic years. Respond to the **Reflection** in the space provided.
- D. Identify all academic honors and awards you have received and offices you have held.
- E. Please note there are two (2) options for the Essay; these options are on page 10. Select **only one** of the options for your essay. Submit an essay, of **300-500 words**. *(The purpose of the essay is to provide the Selection Committee with an insight into the applicant's faith experience. Since this is an essay, it is important the applicant begins with a concise statement, supports the statement with examples, and provides a concluding summary paragraph.)*
- F. Submit an official high school transcript through the first semester of the senior year. *(Upon request, the high school issues the transcript in a sealed envelope marked with a stamp indicating that the transcript is invalid if the seal is broken. The wording usually is as follows: **TRANSCRIPT INVALID IF SEAL IS BROKEN**. The high school must submit the transcript directly to the parish office, **attention Scholarship Selection Committee. If there is a delay, the Selection Committee must be notified, immediately.**)*

Name of High School:

Name of Principal:

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- G. Provide two letters of recommendation as follows. (*The applicant should contact two individuals who can provide specific evidence of the academic performance, the personal abilities and skills, and outstanding achievements of the applicant. The applicant should provide a brief overview of the nature of this application to each person who will write a letter. **Parents of the applicant cannot submit a letter on behalf of the applicant.***)

One (1) letter should be provided by someone who can support your involvement in extra-curricular activities as stated in Section A.

Name of Person submitting letter:

Position of Responsibility:

One (1) letter should be submitted by someone who can support your involvement in church-related service activities as stated in Section B **OR** submitted by someone who can support your academic achievement or leadership skills as stated in Section C.

Name of Person submitting letter:

Position of Responsibility:

PARENTS CANNOT PROVIDE LETTERS ON BEHALF OF THEIR CHILDREN APPLYING FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION RESPONSE FORM

Section A. Extra-Curricular Activities

Indicate with a check (✓) the following activities and the years in which you participated in each activity. (Example: Scholastic Bowl – grades 9-12) Provide any activity not listed as *Other*.

Activity	Amount of Time
() Scholastic Bowl	
() Tutor/Mentor	
() Drama	
() Vocal and/or Instrumental Music	
() Club	
() Prom-Related	
() School Team Spirit	
() Other	

Reflection: In a sentence or two, explain why you chose to participate in the activity (-ies) indicated above.

Section B. Church-Related Activities

Indicate with a check (✓) the Activities and the years in which you participated in each activity. (Example: Mass Server – grades 7-12) Provide any activity not listed as *Other*.

Activity	Amount of Time	Activity	Amount of Time
() Extraordinary Minister of Communion		() Vacation Bible School	
() Mass Lector		() Parish-Related	
() Mass Server		() Fund-Raising	
() Mass Greeter		() Fish Fry	
() Choir Member		() Diocesan Youth	
() Instrumental Music		() Hospitality	
() Catholic Heart Work Camp		() Other	

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Section B. Church-Related Activities (Continued)

Reflection: Consider the activity (-ies) in which you have been involved. Briefly, how do you see these relating to your role as a youth in your Faith Community (Parish)?

Section C. Civic Activities and Organizations

Indicate with a check (✓) the Civic Activities and/or Organizations and the years in which you participated in each Activity. (Example: Scouts – grades 4-12) Provide any activity not listed as *Other*.

Activity	Amount of Time
() St. John's Bread Line	
() Food Pantry	
() St. Martin De Porres	
() Goodwill Industries	
() Charitable Organizations	
() Midwest Mission Distribution Center	
() Environmental Activities	
() Fine and Performing Arts	
() K Club	
() Scout	
() Other:	

Reflection: Briefly describe how you performed works of mercy as a volunteer with the civic organization(s) you selected.

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Section D. Honors, Awards, and Offices

Indicate with a check (✓) every Honor and Award you have received and every office you have held. Provide any Honor, Award, and Office not listed as *Other*.

Honors

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| <input type="checkbox"/> National Honor Society | <input type="checkbox"/> All Academic Conference |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Language Honor Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Music-Related Honors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student of the Week/Month | <input type="checkbox"/> SJR Recognition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honor Roll | <input type="checkbox"/> University President's Recognition List |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Athlete | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Awards

- ☐ Scholarship
- ☐ Department (English, Math, Language, etc.)
- ☐ Organization (DAR, Eastern Star, Kiwanee, etc.)
- ☐ Advanced Placement Recognition
- ☐ Lion's Club Citizenship
- ☐ Science and Engineering
- ☐ Other:

Offices

- ☐ Class Officer
- ☐ Language Club Officer
- ☐ Math Club Officer
- ☐ Science Club Officer
- ☐ Chemistry Club Officer
- ☐ Computer Club Officer
- ☐ Student Council
- ☐ Student Advisory
- ☐ Other:

List any Awards and Offices that were for multiple years and the number of years.

ESSAY OPTIONS

Directions: Select only one (1) of these options and submit in a typed format appropriate for an essay.

Option 1

For most of us, our parents made the profession of Faith for us when we were baptized into the tradition of the Catholic Church. Through the reception of the Sacraments, we personally experience God's plan of salvation through faith. Through the teachings of the Catholic Church, we experience a moral growth that shapes our decisions and deepens our faith in God.

In the first paragraph of your essay, identify the ***role your faith has played in your life, especially during the past ten (10) years.*** Support the statement with examples. In the concluding paragraph, address ***how you think your faith will affect your future decision-making.***

OR

Option 2

In the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (P 1653), it states that *(p)arents are the principal and first educators of their children. Parents have the first responsibility for the moral education and spiritual formation of their children.* For 18 years, your parent(s) have influenced your participation in your faith life. When you complete high school, and possibly leave home, your parents' influence will diminish.

In the introductory paragraph of your essay, identify ***the principal reason for your continued participation in your faith life.*** Provide at least three statements that support your principal reason. In the concluding paragraph, define ***how you will continue your participation in your faith life.***