



Emmaus Catholic Parish – Council 14025
Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney
Knights of Columbus Youth Scholarship



Concerned about the religious faith and material welfare of immigrant families, Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus with the help of several men of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut in 1882. Its purpose was to help strengthen the faith of the men of his parish and to provide financial assistance in the event of their death to the widows and orphans they left behind. He was known for his tireless work among his parishioners.

On March 15, 2008, Pope Benedict XIV approved a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Fr. Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, giving the parish priest the distinction of "Venerable Servant of God." On October 31, 2020, Pope Francis declared Fr. McGivney "Blessed." He is now one step from canonization as a saint. If canonized, Fr. McGivney would be the first American born priest to be so honored.

The Knights of Columbus have over 2.1 million members worldwide. From the moment of our founding in 1882, charity has been the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. We are men of faith and action.

In 2025, Knights worldwide donated \$197 million to worthy causes, both large and small, and stepped up with 48 million hours of volunteer service. We undertake these acts of charity because we see those in need through the eyes of faith. Pope Benedict XVI called this the "practice of love...as a community," and Pope Leo XIV recently noted that local Knights councils "seek to bring the compassion and love of the Lord into their communities."

The mission of this Knights of Columbus Council 14025 Youth Scholarship is to make a carefully considered investment in our eventual awardees' future education and Catholic faith life. We anticipate a strong spiritual return on that scholarship investment in terms of a faith-filled, active, and lifelong member of the Catholic church.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. **Graduating high school senior in 2026**
2. **Active and Registered member (or family) of Emmaus Catholic Parish**
3. **Received the Sacrament of Baptism**
4. **Actively pursuing the continuation of education through an accredited college, university or trade/technical school**

We anticipate awarding **multiple, individual scholarships**; one scholarship to each of the top selected eligible students; however, there will be only be one scholarship awarded **per family**.

Please fill out the accompanying application completely as per the following instructions and to your best ability. **The recipients will be chosen based on the entire presentation, but with emphasis given to essay content, parish involvement and service activities, followed by academic achievements, financial need, etc.**

IMPORTANT--NOTE: Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted nor considered.

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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please print or type the information in black ink.
2. Use additional pages if necessary. If you do, be sure to reference application question.
3. Each applicant must submit a current, sealed official high school transcript with this completed application.
4. The completed application must be received at the Emmaus Catholic Parish Office by April 7, 2026. Envelope should be addressed as follows:

*Emmaus Catholic Parish
Attn: Knights of Columbus Council 14025 - Scholarship Award
1718 Lohman's Crossing Road
Lakeway, TX 78734*

5. The winners will be selected by April 30, 2026 and scholarships presented on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at the KC Scholarship Awards Dinner.
6. NOTE that scholarship funds are paid out directly to the College, University, or Trade/Technical School on the awardee's behalf. Awardee must claim his or her scholarship by providing the Council with required remittance information no later than November 30, 2026, or risk forgoing the award.
7. Please complete the following:

**Are you baptized in the Catholic Church? Answer Yes or No.
If Yes, Where (Parish/Church, City and State), and Baptism Date?**

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| Applicant Name and E-mail Address: | | | |
| Street Address: | | | |
| City: | State: | Zip: | Phone: |

Family Members

| Parents' Names | Parents' Address, Phone, E-mail |
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| High School Attended | Years | Address |
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What sort of financial responsibility will you have for your education? Will you work while in school?

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What scholarships have you applied for and/or have already been awarded?

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What other financial aid have you received thus far for continuing your education?

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List those paying jobs that you have had during high school (include summer jobs)

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List those activities you have participated in during high school in your Parish community (describe at what level and frequency)

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List those activities you have participated in during high school in your community outside of Church (describe at what level and frequency)

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List those high school activities you have participated in (describe at what level and frequency)

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What is the most important thing you have learned by providing service to your family, school community or parish?

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What Colleges, Universities or Trade/Technical Schools have you applied to or been accepted to?

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What will your likely career path be?

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Why is continuing your education important to you?

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Essay

Father McGivney is a great role model for all Catholics and his dedication and vision created one of the largest religious organizations in the world. Charity, Unity and Fraternity are the key principles of our Order. Please write an essay of no more than 500 words on the following topic:

Describe how your Catholic faith has guided you through your teenage years and prepared you for your journey into adulthood. Also, fast forward 10 years from now and describe for us your faith life as an adult.

Please submit on a separate sheet of 8.5 x 11 paper attached to the application.

Signatures

Please accept this application for the Knights of Columbus Youth Scholarship. All information contained in this application is true and correct.

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| Applicant's Signature: | Date: |
| Parent's Signature: | Date: |