



Our Lady of the Valley Church

Knights of Columbus Council #6354

McNiece/Marrinan Memorial College Scholarship Application- 2020

History: The Our Lady of the Valley Church's Knights of Columbus **McNiece/Marrinan Memorial College Scholarship Program** is named in memory of William J. McNiece and Bill Marrinan. Mr. McNiece was a charter member of the Our Lady of the Valley Church's Council and held the offices of Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and Trustee during his years of service. Mr. Marrinan was a long serving distinguished member of our Council and held the office of Treasurer. Bill was also the champion of the Scholarship program, serving faithfully as its Chairman. The Council's scholarship program was established as the William J. McNiece Memorial Scholarship in 1994 and was renamed the **McNiece/Marrinan Memorial College Scholarship** in 2017. This program continues to serve the youth of our Parish Community in memory of these two distinguished members of our order.

Eligibility Requirements: The **McNiece/Marrinan Memorial College Scholarship** (Scholarship) carries the following eligibility requirements:

- Applicant's family must be registered parishioners of Our Lady of the Valley or Holy Cross Parish Community.
- Applicant must be graduating this spring (June 2020) from High School and entering an accredited college/university during the Summer/Fall of 2020. There are no eligibility restrictions based on the type of College/University in regard to being a public or Catholic institution.

Scholarship Terms: The scholarship (*defined as a one-time donation*), in the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) will be directly payable to the recipient for application towards school expenses. The applicant must provide proof of acceptance and enrollment to the college/university prior to receiving the award from the Knights of Columbus.

Number of Scholarships: There will be two (2) scholarships, each in the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) granted to Our Lady of the Valley and/or Holy Cross Parish youth who will be attending college this fall.

Criteria: The Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee will be solely responsible for determining the winner of the scholarship. The decision of the committee is final. This scholarship is not based on financial need. The committee will consider the well-rounded accomplishments and participation of the applicants in the following areas in determining the scholarship recipient:

- Academic Excellence
- Extracurricular Activities
- Community Service Activities
- Our Lady of the Valley/Holy Cross Parish Service
- Scholarship Essay submission

Requirements at time of entry: When submitting the scholarship entry, the following must be provided to qualify as a valid submission:

- Fully completed application (*full completion of all application fields below*)
- Complete all acknowledgement sections in the application below by a parent or legal guardian
- Complete Authorization to Release information – This will be used to verify GPA with the applicant's current school and must be completed by a Parent or Legal Guardian

Scholarship Application Deadline: ***All completed applications must be received by May 31st, 2020.***

How to Submit Applications: ***Mail or Email completed application, authorization and essay to:***

Knights of Columbus, Council #6354
Post Office Box 282
Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Questions: Contact Jim DeLuccia (201-981-9918) email: jddd9251@gmail.com

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Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

Applicant's Mailing Address *(only if different from above):* _____

Applicant's Home Phone Number: _____

Name of Applicant's Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Address of Parent/Legal Guardian *(only if different from above):* _____

Email Address of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Phone number of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Name of Applicant's Current High School: _____

Applicant's Extracurricular Activities: Please list extracurricular activities *(past and present)* which you have participated in *(Ex: Sports/Arts/Clubs/Scouts):*

Applicant's Community Service Activities: Please list community service activities *(past and present)* in which you have participated *(Ex: Time donated to community groups, charitable activities, etc.):*

Applicant's Our Lady of the Valley/Holy Cross Parish Service Activities: Please list Parish Service activities (Past and present) which you have participated in (Ex: Time donated to parish activities, membership In Parish youth groups, Involvement in Parish Ministries (Alter Server, Choir, etc.):

Essay Question: On a separate sheet of paper (not to exceed 1 page), please provide a written essay response to the following question:

“What is the most impactful personal experience you have encountered while performing a community service activity and how has it contributed to building your personal character?”

Acknowledgement and Authorization of the Parent/Legal Guardian of Applicant:

Please insert names in spaces provided below and sign/date your acknowledgement:

I, _____, state that I am the parent/legal guardian for

_____, who is applying for the Our Lady of the Valley Knights of Columbus **McNiece/Marrinan Memorial College Scholarship Program**. I am acknowledging my awareness of this application for consideration by the Scholarship Committee. I further acknowledge my understanding and acceptance of the Eligibility Requirements, Scholarship Terms and Criteria as stated on the first page of this Scholarship Application. This includes my acknowledgement that the applicant's family is registered parishioners of Our Lady of the Valley Church or Holy Cross Parish Community. I also authorize the name and picture of the applicant to be published should they be chosen by the Knights of Columbus as a scholarship winner.

(Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian)

(Date)

Authorization to Release Information

As part of the criteria for the Our Lady of the Valley Knights of Columbus **McNiece/Marrinan Memorial College Scholarship Program**, it is necessary to submit proof of the current Academic Record of the applicant. Please complete and return the authorization to release information contained below when submitting the application. This will be used by the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee to obtain the applicant’s academic record from their current school administration.

I, _____, state that I am the parent/legal guardian for

_____, who is applying for the Our Lady of the Valley Knights of Columbus **McNiece/Marrinan Memorial College Scholarship Program**. I hereby authorize the release of their academic records to the Our Lady of the Valley Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee for the purpose of meeting the eligibility requirements for consideration of the Knights of Columbus scholarship.

(Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian)

(Date)