

Ohio Knights of Columbus

Scholarship Program

Fact Sheet

Purpose: The Ohio Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program was established to provide tuition assistance to Catholic High School students attending an Ohio Catholic High School.

History: 1995 – Scholarship program originally funded.
1997 – First scholarships awarded.
1998 to present – 773 Scholarships have been awarded worth over **\$769,475.**
During the 2019 – 2020 school year, 37 \$1,000 scholarships were awarded.

Rules:

- Applicant must be a Catholic High School Student currently attending an Ohio Catholic High School.
- Application must be prepared and submitted by the student.
- A current grade transcript, or grade card for freshmen, must also be submitted.
- Current GPA must be at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Applications must be received by the end of business deadline of Wednesday, November 27.
- Applications may not be mailed requiring a signature confirmation.
- No high school will receive more than one \$1,000 scholarship in a school year.

Ohio K of C Website: [**https://www.kofcohio.org/scholarships**](https://www.kofcohio.org/scholarships)

Key Dates:

- September 15 – Applications, Rules, and Bulletin Board Announcements are emailed to all Ohio Catholic High School Principals and Guidance Counselors. They are also posted on the Ohio Knights of Columbus Website at: <http://www.kofcoho.org/scholarships>
- November 27 – Scholarship submission deadline.
- Late December – Scholarship winners are notified by email.
- January 15 – All schools are notified by email of all winners and the Winners' List is posted on the Ohio K of C Website.
- Late January through March – Checks are formally presented to the winners.

Key Considerations:

1. Financial need as presented by the student.
2. Scholastic achievement (GPA).
3. Scholastic honors and extra-curricular school activities.
4. Involvement in parish programs and activities.
5. Involvement in local community programs and activities.
6. Preference may be given to children of current Knights of Columbus in the event of any ties.

Scholarship Donations:

We are currently able to provide approximately 35 scholarships annually, 25 from the original Ohio Charity Foundation's contributions (the 501c3 arm of the Ohio Knights of Columbus), 6 additionally from annual OCF grants, and 4 from individual and council contributions. A \$20,000 donation or bequest in a will can provide an annual \$1,000 scholarship to the school of your choice in your name. If you are over 70½, you can make a tax-free contribution (Qualified Charitable Distribution) from an IRA. Contact Robert F. Collins, Jr., Scholarship Chair, at kofc.ocf.scholarships@gmail.com for more information.

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List any academic distinctions and/or awards you have received and all School-oriented activities:

List all of your Catholic Church activities or projects during the past year:

List all of your community activities or projects during the past year:

Is your father currently a Knight of Columbus? If so, please list his name below. Please, father only.
His Name: _____ Council Number: _____ Council City: _____

You may list any of your additional qualifications or accomplishments on a separate sheet of paper.

Please attach a copy of your current transcript of high school work or first period grade card (if a freshman) with GPA and ranking information if available.

An independent selection committee representing The Ohio Charity Foundation, Inc., and the Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus, makes all final decisions regarding this scholarship award.

Winners and schools will be notified by December 20. Checks will be presented after January 15.

All K of C Scholarship data may be found at a new address: <https://www.kofcohio.org/scholarships>