

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**TEXAS STATE COUNCIL**  
*Needs Based* Educational Grant PROGRAM  
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Texas State Council Charities maintains two Education Grant Programs that are funded by the interest received on the Cardinal Humberto Medeiros and Christopher Trust Funds managed by the Supreme Council. These two programs are the Catholic School Grants and the individual student Educational Grants.

**Catholic School Grants**

Texas State Council Charities will award \$2,000 or more per diocese to designated Catholic schools within each diocese. Prior to March 1, the Educational Grant Committee will ask the Bishop of each Diocese, in conjunction with the Diocesan Superintendent or Director of Catholic Education, to designate schools in the Diocese to receive the funds and the amount (at least \$500) each school is to receive. Funds will be provided to the designated schools in the Diocese after the State Convention. The total amount available for each Diocese will be determined using a formula based on the number of Knights in each Diocese. Each Diocese will receive at least one \$2,000 grant.

**Individual Educational Grants**

The Texas State Council will award at least one \$1,000 Educational Grant per diocese and two \$1,000 Educational Grants at large. The total number of grants for each Diocese will be determined using a formula based on the number of Knights in each Diocese. Applications for these grants are due March 1, 2021. Winners will be announced at the State Convention.

**Who Is Eligible for the Individual Educational Grant?**

An applicant must be a Knight of Columbus member in good standing of a Council located in Texas, or the member's wife, son, or daughter. A granddaughter or grandson of a member in good standing in a Council in Texas may apply if their father is not a Knight or is not in good standing. Descendants of deceased members or grandfathers who were in good standing are also eligible. *Any graduating senior of a Catholic high school in Texas is eligible when sponsored by a local Council in Texas – even if the student's parent or grandparent is not a Knight.*

Educational grant money is to be used for education in a university, college, junior college, technical school, business school or seminary.

The application must be **complete and received on time**.

The sponsoring Council's Supreme **and** State per capita must be paid in full and the Council may not be suspended by the Supreme Council.

Guidelines for the Educational Grant Application are found in the application, which is available: at the Texas State Council website on the first page in the Texas State Council Forms line on the bottom lower right of the page, or in the Star Guide from your District Deputy

1. by email from Educational Grant Chairman at [gialeone575@gmail.com](mailto:gialeone575@gmail.com)

The formula for determining numbers of grants is one per Diocese, plus one additional grant for each increment of 7,500 Knights in the Diocese as of July 1 each year.

**EDUCATIONAL GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 1 OF THE GRANT YEAR.**

This is a checklist for your personal use and to aid you in completing the application properly. PLEASE USE THIS AS YOU COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION.

Keep this page for yourself.

Parts	Date completed	Double checked	PDF, Scanned, if emailed	NOTES
<b>Part 1</b> Demographics Sheet				
<b>PART 2</b> Needs-Based Essay <u>With</u> Signature				Signature must be written, not electronic, and legible.
<b>PART 3</b> <b>Transcript Copy</b>				Transcript(s) unofficial copies are acceptable. Please do not send transcripts that require sign ins and registrations to be opened. An unofficial transcript is often one issued to a student. An unofficial transcript is one without a raised school seal.
<b>PART 4</b> 250 word Needs-Based Essay				Needs based essay no longer than 250 words. Typed or printed name at top, <b>written signature required.</b>
<b>PART 5</b> PER-CAPITA CONFIRMATION				Filled out and <b>SIGNED</b> by the Grand Knight
<b>PART 6</b> Submit on time				Must be received by March 1, 2021. Hard Copies if surface mailed; <b>ONLY PDF</b> if e-mailed. Do not wait until the last minute! OTHER FORMATS SUCH AS JPEG ARE <b>NOT</b> ACCEPTABLE!
Notes				

How long is a 250 word NEEDS BASED essay?

To answer that, it is about **half a page in MS Word with font-size 12**. You can see the word count on the bottom of the page, just click anywhere on the page (so nothing is highlighted) and it should be on the taskbar at the bottom. Otherwise, you click 'review' on taskbar at the top, then 'word count'. (That assumes you have 2010 MS, otherwise follow first instruction.) The Application is fillable on-line, but must be printed and scanned to include the requisite signatures. Scan the paperwork including your signed NEEDS-BASED essay as **a pdf** (Please no picture files.) and then email to: [giacleone575@gmail.com](mailto:giacleone575@gmail.com) 250 word NEEDS-BASED essay will have some leeway, anyway. Just get it around 250 words and you will do fine. [This page has 267 words with much open space with some font sizes less than a 12point font.]

Pages A & B are for your use. Only send pages 1 & 2 along with the other materials required (as indicated on the check list [page B].

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**PART 1: To be completed by all applicants.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_  
This email MUST BE CLEARLY PRINTED.

Diocese of Residence (This is the same as diocese of Sponsoring Council.) \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby make application for a Knights of Columbus Texas State Council Educational Grant in the amount of \$1,000 to be used to partially support me while attending the School of \_\_\_\_\_ (Example : Education; Science; Trade; Liberal Arts, etc.) at the following institution \_\_\_\_\_ (Example: Name of institution; university; college; trade or technical school, seminary etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
For the Term \_\_\_\_\_ (Example: Fall 2019)

If not related to a Texas Knight, indicate the Catholic High School attended. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (City)

Applicant's relationship eligibility is through: Self/ Father / Grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ is a member of Council # \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle one)

Sponsoring Texas Council Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Diocese \_\_\_\_\_

Family Information: Number and ages of brothers living at home # \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and ages of sisters living at home # \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

If applying for self and/or married, enter number and ages of children living at home \_\_\_\_\_

Father/parent/grandfather/or your occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ company \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle one)

Mother/parent/spouse occupation: (Circle one) \_\_\_\_\_ company \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 2 - Signature to be completed by ALL applicants.**

I declare upon my honor that **all the** aforementioned statements and all attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Written signature of applicant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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**PART 3:**

**Forward a copy of your high school transcript, or if you are already in college, a copy of your current college transcript to the address below, or a scanned copy to the email below. We do not require an "official transcript."**

**PART 4:** This is a **Needs-Based Grant, *not*** a scholarship. Attach an essay in which you state, in your own words in 250 words as a maximum, why you need this grant, and how it will help you to reach your educational/life, long and short term goals.

**TYPE or clearly PRINT your name at the top of the page, and hand sign the essay at THE BOTTOM OF YOUR ESSAY PAGE then make a pdf of the page.**

**PART 5: CONFIRMATION OF PER-CAPITA PAYMENT AND GOOD STANDING OF SPONSORING COUNCIL:**

Council # \_\_\_\_\_ is sponsoring \_\_\_\_\_ and is current in its per-capita,  
Name of Applicant

and the applicant is sponsored by a Knight, or is a Catholic High School graduate and the sponsoring Council is in good standing as attested by the Grand Knight of

Council # \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Grand Knight Date

**PART 6: This Educational Grant application and all other required items must be received no later than March 1, 2021. Submit all materials either by:**

scanned copies emailed to [giacleone575@gmail.com](mailto:giacleone575@gmail.com) :

or send by postal mail – **NOT CERTIFIED/REGISTERED, OR ANY TYPE OF SIGNATURE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE\*\*** - or other carriers that *guarantee receipt by March 1, 2021*, to the address below.

Giacomo R. Leone, Chairperson  
Educational Grant Committee  
Texas State Council Knights of Columbus  
1221 Anise Drive  
Austin, TX 78741-7528

You will be **notified by email** of the receipt of your application and of its status when received. **\*\*DO NOT SEND YOUR APPLICATION BY REGISTERED MAIL or ANY TYPE OF SIGNATURE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE!** This has caused problems in the past. Email is the best way to send you application.

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** After the **Texas knights of Columbus Annual State Convention** in the spring, **the winners will be notified by the Texas State Council Office, and those who did not receive a grant will be sent an email from the Educational Grant Committee as long as the email submitted is working and is LEGIBLE.**