Knights of Columbus

Bishop McGuinness Assembly 778

4301 Columbus Club Dr.

Raleigh, NC 27604

MEMORANDUM

To: Grand Knights of Councils in the Greater Raleigh Area

From: SK Ralph Navarette , Faithful Navigator

Date: May 11, 2025

Subject: Scholarship Announcement

Worthy Grand Knight,

We seek your assistance in inviting applications for the **Knights of Columbus Bishop McGuinness Assembly Scholarship** awarded annually in the amount of $1,500 and is renewable for a maximum of four (4) consecutive years for a total of $6,000. Please let your council members know of this scholarship and encourage them to inform their families and fellow-parishioners of this educational opportunity. *(Note: A sample Church Bulletin announcement is included on the next page as a guide for those that may be able to place an announcement in their weekly parish bulletin.)*

To be considered, applicants must:

1. Be a member “in good standing” of a Catholic Church located in the greater Raleigh region;
2. Be admitted to or enrolled in a “regionally accredited” Catholic college or university in the USA for the academic year 2025-2026; and
3. Submit a **Letter of Application** and required documentation on or before **the deadline of** **July 1, 2025** – please refer to the “Note About Applying” below.

The Scholarship is competitive, and selection is based on academic merit, church and community engagement, as well as “need,” as determined by the Assembly’s Scholarship Committee. The Assembly, at its discretion, may choose to make multiple awards or no award in any given year.

Note About Applying

Persons wishing to apply should submit the following on or before July 1, 2025 to:

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee

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1. A personal typed **Letter of Application** that: (a) introduces him/herself, (b) states his/her academic and extra-curricular accomplishments; (c) highlights his/her church and community engagement (especially those demonstrating leadership); (d) expresses how receiving this scholarship would aid in addressing his/her family’s financial need, if any; and (e), provides the name and address of the Catholic college/university that he/she will be attending in the coming academic year 2025-2026.
2. Two (2) **letters of recommendation** - one from a schoolteacher/counsellor at his/her high school and the other one from a priest/deacon/youth director at his/her church.
3. If the applicant is enrolling in a college/university for the first time, an **official high school transcript** that includes all coursework, overall GPA, SAT/ACT scores, and rank in class, must be provided. If the applicant is currently enrolled in a college/university, an **official college transcript** that includes all coursework and overall GPA must be provided.

Please note that current recipient(s) of the scholarship must contact the Scholarship Committee regarding renewal application of the scholarship. Scholarship renewal is not automatic and is based on several factors including satisfactory academic progress.

CONTACT: For more information, contact: Dr. Denis Carter, Scholarship Committee Chairman, 910-616-2826 or deniscarter001@gmail.com

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Sample Announcement for Church Bulletin

(This may be edited to suit parish bulletin guidelines.)

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

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For information on applying or questions, please contact: Dr. Denis Carter, KofC Scholarship Committee Chairman, Mobile: 910-616-2826 or Email: deniscarter001@gmail.com