



## 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### Overview

The Rev. John T. Weyer council is offering two (2) **\$1,000 high school scholarships** to eighth grade students of St. Laurence Parish.

### Qualification

- Parishioner of St. Laurence Catholic Church
- Graduating 8<sup>th</sup> Grade in 2026
- Attending Houston area Catholic High School in fall of 2026
- You **do not** have to be currently attending Catholic grade school to qualify

To apply for these scholarships, applicants must submit an essay by email to [knightsofcolumbus11343@gmail.com](mailto:knightsofcolumbus11343@gmail.com) no later than **11:59pm on April 10, 2026**.

### 1. Essay Submission Requirements

#### File Format:

- Accepted formats: .doc, .docx, .rtf or .txt
- PDF files will not be accepted

#### Essay Formatting:

- Maximum of **three (3) pages** (not including the cover page)
- Proper **Grammar and spelling** do count.
- **Double-spaced**
- **12-point font**
- **Recommendation:** Choose a font that is easily readable (i.e., Calibri, Times New Roman, Arial, etc.)

#### Confidentiality Rule

- The essay **must not** contain your name or the names of family members. Including any identifying information in the essay itself will result in disqualification.

### 2. Required Cover Page

A Separate cover page **must** accompany your essay. It should include:

- Full name
- Address
- Phone Number
- Email address
- Current School
- Name of High School you plan to attend
- School activities
- Hobbies
- Communities and parish involvement

This personal information **may appear only on the cover** page, not in the essay. A template for the cover page can be found at [www.stlaurence.org/kc-scholarship](http://www.stlaurence.org/kc-scholarship)

#### 4. Deadline

- Essays must be emailed to [knightsofcolumbus11343@gmail.com](mailto:knightsofcolumbus11343@gmail.com)
- Essays will not be accepted after **11:59pm, Friday, April 10, 2026**

#### 3. Essay Prompt – “Let the Church say Amen!”

St. Laurence was given the theme “Let the Church Say Amen!” For the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the parish. The Catechism states the Eucharist is: “source and summit of the Christian life, representing the real presence of Christ—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.”

Reflect on both questions:

1. What does it mean to truly have Jesus present in the Eucharist?
2. How do we live a life of “Amen” in the church?

#### 4. Selection Process and Notification

- Children of Knights **may apply**, but their fathers **may not** serve on the scholarship selection committee.
- All essays are judged **anonymously**
- Essays will be judged on **clarity, insight, and quality of reflection** based on the questions.
- Scholarship recipients will be notified **before the end of May 2026**.

#### 5. Questions

If you have any questions, please email:  
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