

Knights of Columbus Pennsylvania State Council Scholarship Program

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Ten Education Scholarships of \$4,000 each for Graduating High School Seniors in the Class of 2026

The Pennsylvania State Council, Knights of Columbus, is offering ten scholarships for members, sons and daughters of members, and qualified members of the Columbian Squires. Each scholarship entitles the awardee to receive up to \$4,000 over a six-year period to defray expenses for tuition, books, or maintenance in any college or school of nursing approved by the committee. Acceptance of one of these scholarships does not preclude the winner from enjoying any other scholarship the awardee may win unless other restrictions prevail.

CONDITIONS OF THE AWARD

Each candidate must be at least one of the following:

- a currently paid-up member of a Knights of Columbus council in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania
- a child or stepchild of a currently paid-up member of a Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus council
- a child or stepchild of a deceased member of a Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus Council who was not in arrears at the time of his death
- a qualified Columbian Squire or Squire Rose

NOTE: Grandchildren are not eligible unless the grandparent is the legal guardian of the applicant

Other conditions that must be met:

- the candidate must be a practicing Catholic in communion with the Holy See
- the candidate must be a candidate for graduation from a recognized 4-year high school, or its home school equivalent, during the term ending in June 2026 (or January 2026 for early graduates)
- the application **must** be postmarked no later than ***December 31, 2025*** and mailed to the Scholarship Chairman of the Pennsylvania State Council, Knights of Columbus, using the attached form or an *exact* duplicate thereof. The application must include signatures of the applicant, parent or guardian, pastor, or associate pastor of the applicant, an official in the applicant's school verifying that the applicant is a candidate for graduation in 2026, the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary of the council to which the applicant or applicant's father belongs, or of the Chief Squire of the Columbian Squire Circle of which the applicant is a member.
- The council of the applicant must have completed and submitted Form 185 (Report of Officers Chosen for Term).
- The council of the applicant or applicant's father **must sell at least 75 Chance of a Lifetime (C.O.A.L.)** tickets as distributed by the Pennsylvania State Council, Knights of Columbus, for the 2025-26 campaign. For Columbian Squires, the circle's sponsoring council or assembly must sell at least 75 C.O.A.L. tickets by or before April 15, 2026. This claim **will** be checked against the COAL chairman's records.

Each scholarship winner must attend a college or a school of nursing affiliated with a hospital in order to receive payment. Such college or school may be under Catholic or non-Catholic auspices, subject to approval by the committee. Payments will be made to the school directly, not to the winner.

SCHOLARSHIP DISTRICTS

Scholarships are awarded by diocese as follows:

Diocese of Allentown one scholarship
Diocese of Altoona/Johnstown one scholarship
Diocese of Erie one scholarship
Diocese of Greensburg one scholarship
Diocese of Harrisburg one scholarship
Archdiocese of Philadelphia two scholarships
Diocese of Pittsburgh two scholarships

Diocese of Scranton..... one scholarship

HOW TO PROCEED

(DETACH AND RETAIN - NO FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE ISSUED)

To compete for a Pennsylvania State Council Knights of Columbus Scholarship, you **MUST**:

1. Complete the application on the following pages and send it no later than ***December 31, 2025***, to:

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2. If you already have not done so, register and take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) of the College Board or the American College Testing (ACT) Program will be accepted. To register you must obtain the ACT or SAT Bulletin of Information and test application from your school counselor. Tests will be given on the following dates this fall:

ACT – July 12, 2025... September 6, 2025... October 18, 2025... December 13, 2025

SAT – August 23, 2025... September 13, 2025... October 4, 2025... November 8, 2025... December 6, 2025

Classic Learning Testing Scores will also be accepted.

IMPORTANT --- ACT or SAT scores from dates later than December 31, 2025, will not be accepted.

NOTE --- Be sure to list the “Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program” on the appropriate line of your test application as one of the “colleges” to receive your test score.

Our ‘school code number’ for the American College Testing Program is **ACT 3667**.

Our ‘school code number’ for the College Entrance Examination Board is **SAT 0167**.

You will not be eligible unless we receive the scores. Test scores from earlier dates are acceptable, but the applicant is responsible for our receiving such scores by ***December 31, 2025***. The results of the ACT or SAT tests will be used by the Scholarship Committee to select the group of finalists in each district. If you are selected as a finalist, you will be notified by mail and will receive three forms: 1) a Biographical Report, 2) an Essay question, and 3) a Secondary School Report. You must return these forms by the date indicated in the letter for final consideration.

SELECTION OF WINNERS

Selection of the winning applicants in each diocese will be made by a panel of three judges nominated by the State Scholarship Chairman, one of whom shall be a Catholic priest.

METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

The \$4,000 award to the winning candidates will be paid directly to the school they attend for tuition, room and board, books, and fees as follows: \$1000.00 per academic year, renewable each fall with evidence of satisfactory advancement. The student is required to send a copy of the billing statement to the Chairman each Fall. The scholarship is not transferable to another individual.

DEADLINE DATE TO APPLY

Your application must be postmarked by ***December 31, 2025***. Any application postmarked after that date will be ineligible for consideration.

Knights of Columbus Pennsylvania State Council Scholarship Application

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY ALL INFORMATION

(Before answering, read carefully this application form.)

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2025.

(To expedite processing, please attach a copy of your ACT or SAT scores.)

I certify that I am an eligible candidate meeting because: (choose **one** of the following)

- _____ I am a member of the Knights of Columbus
- _____ My father (or stepfather) is a member of the Knights of Columbus
- _____ My legal guardian is a member of the Knights of Columbus
- _____ I am a member of the Columbian Squires

1. Full Name _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)
2. Date of Birth _____ Telephone _____
3. Street Address _____
4. City _____
5. Zip + four _____ Diocese _____
6. E-mail address _____
7. Name of Parent/Guardian _____
8. Name of your home parish _____
9. Candidate for graduation from _____
- 10a. My father/stepfather/legal guardian is a member of Council number _____
(Underline which is correct)
- 10b. I am a member of Squire Circle _____

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of parent or guardian _____ Date _____

CERTIFICATION BY PASTOR

I certify that the applicant whose name is signed on this form is a member of

_____ parish

located in _____, Pennsylvania

in the Diocese of _____ Date _____

_____, pastor
(Signature) (If other than pastor, please indicate position.)

CERTIFICATION BY SCHOOL OFFICIAL

I certify that the applicant whose name is signed on this form is a candidate for graduation during the term ending in

_____ 2026 from _____ High School

located in _____ Pennsylvania.

Signature Title (e.g., principal, guidance counselor, teacher) Date

CERTIFICATION BY HOME SCHOOLING OFFICIAL

I certify that the applicant whose name is signed on this form will complete homeschooling studies equivalent to a high

school diploma during the term ending in _____ 2026.

Signature _____

Title (e.g., homeschool evaluator) Date

CERTIFICATION BY COUNCIL FINANCIAL SECRETARY

I certify that the applicant whose name is signed on this form is:

_____ a member in good standing

_____ the child or stepchild of a paid-up member in good standing

_____ the child or stepchild of a deceased member in good standing

_____ under the legal guardianship of a member in good standing

of _____ Council # _____ of the Knights of
Columbus in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania

(council seal)

Member's name _____

Member's number _____
(required)

FS Signature and date _____

CERTIFICATION BY COUNCIL GRAND KNIGHT

I certify that Council # _____ will sell at least 75 C.O.A.L. tickets in the 2025-26 campaign by April 15, 2026.
I acknowledge that this will be checked against the number recorded by the State Chairman for the C.O.A.L. campaign.

GK Signature

Date

CERTIFICATION BY SQUIRES CIRCLE (for squires only)

Name of Circle _____

Sponsoring K of C Council/Assembly _____

I certify that the applicant whose name is signed on this form is an active member of the Columbian Squires and has been a member in good standing prior to the date of filing this application.

Chief Squire's Signature

Date

NOTE --- Before submitting the application, make sure all questions are answered, all necessary and appropriate certifications are completed, and the application is being submitted before December 31, 2025. I strongly urge applicants not to wait until late December to get the necessary signatures because people may not be available over the Christmas holiday season.

Forward the application via USPS mail, with all the information requested and all required signatures, to:

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