

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
TEXAS STATE COUNCIL
EDUCATIONAL GRANT PROGRAMS**



Giacomo R. Leone, Chairman

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 more \$1,000 Educational Grants to members of the Columbian Squires. 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, 2018. 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**, his 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 when 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:
 - at the Texas State Web Site www.tkofc.org
 - in the Star Guide
 - from your District Deputy
 - by email from Educational Grant Chairman at gialeone575@gmail.com

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

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

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GUIDELINES:

1. Applicant must meet all qualifications for entry into, and be accepted by, an institution of learning as defined in guideline 2 below.
2. The educational Grant money must pay for education in a University, College, Junior College, Technical School, Business School or Seminary of the student's choice. The Educational Grant money will be paid to the institution of the student's choice upon written confirmation of the student's enrollment at the institution.
3. An applicant must be a Knight of Columbus member in good standing of a council **located in Texas**, his 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 when the student's parent or grandparent is not a Knight.
4. The Texas State Council Educational Grant Committee will recommend the Educational Grant winners to the State Convention for approval, and will announce the winners at the Annual Texas State Council Knights of Columbus Convention.
5. **Columbian Squires:** The late **Robert E Schmidt** is honored by having a maximum of two Education Grants each year made available to the **Columbian Squires** who are graduating this fraternal year. Selection of the possible Squire winners will be done in the same manner as the general selection of the other application winners.
6. The ***application form and all supporting materials*** must be correctly completed, and **received** by March 1 of the Grant Year. All applicants will be notified by e-mail of the status of her/his application.
7. The sponsoring Council's Supreme and State **per capita statements must be paid in full** as attested by the Council's Grand Knight to validate the applicant's application.
8. After the Texas Knights of Columbus annual State Convention, the winners will be notified by the Texas State Council Office or the Educational Grant Committee.

The application is available as **fillable forms** on the website: tkofc.org and submitted via email to giacleone575@gmail.com .

Your essay may also be scanned and submitted in **pdf** format.

All materials should be submitted in one email, the possible exception is transcripts.

Please DO NOT submit jpeg or photo formats.

PART 1: (To be completed by the Applicant)

NAME: _____,
(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

(Phone) (Email Address) (Diocese of Residence)

I hereby make application for a Knight of Columbus Texas State Council Educational Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be used partially to support me while attending the School of _____

(Example: Education, engineering, Business, Law, Medicine, Science, Trade, Liberal Arts, etc.) at the following institution _____

(Example: Name of Institution, University, College, Trade or Technical School, etc.) For the term _____ (Example: Fall 2018).

Applicant's relationship eligibility is through: Self Father Grandfather Council # _____
(Please Circle and Fill in.)

If not related to a Texas Knight - Catholic High School attended _____ City _____
Sponsoring Council Number in the State of Texas: _____
Council Location: _____ Diocese _____

To be completed by Columbian Squires only. Columbian Squire Circle Number: _____
City _____ Diocese _____

Family information: Number and Ages of Brothers Living at home _____

Number and Ages of Sisters Living at Home: _____

If applying for self and/or married, enter Number and Ages of Children Living at Home: _____

Father/Parent/Grandfather/Your Occupation: _____
Company: _____

Mother/Parent/Spouse Occupation: _____
Company: _____

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

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

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PART 2:

1. **All Applicants:** Forward a copy of your high school transcript to the address/email below.
2. **If you are already attending college:** Forward a copy of your current college transcript to the address/email below.

PART 3:

Attach an essay in which you state in your own words of 250 or less, your need and other pertinent reasons for receiving this grant, and how you will use it to further your short term and long term goals.

Please **Print/Type your name above your essay and Sign under your essay.** You may use an **electronic signature.**

PART 4: CONFIRMATION OF PER CAPITA PAYMENT & GOOD STANDING: [all complete]

Council # _____ Sponsoring _____ is up-to-date in its per-capita,
(Number) (Applicant's Name)

and the applicant is sponsored by a Knight, (or Council) in good standing, as attested by the Grand Knight of

Council # _____ Diocese _____ Signature _____
(Signature of Grand Knight)

PART 5: [To be completed by Squire Applicants only.]

SQUIRE CONFIRMATION: If the applicant is a **Columbian Squire**, the Grand Knight must complete the following statement:

I, _____, of Council _____ certify the applicant
(Grand Knight's Signature) (Number)

_____ is an **active member of Circle #:** _____
(Applicant's Name)

PART 6: This Educational Grant Application and all other Required Items must be **received no later than March 1st**. Submit all materials* to:

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

You may submit all forms via email to: giacleone575@gmail.com You will be notified by email of your application status and compliance with requirements of submission upon receipt of them.

REMEMBER: After the Texas Knights of Columbus Annual State Convention, the winners will be notified by the Texas State Council Office and/or the Educational Grant Committee.