

Chisholm Trail Council #9368

Knights of Columbus

Scholarship Application 2018

I. Philosophy

It is commonly believed the future of America lies in the youth of today; and, in order for our youth to assume leadership roles of tomorrow they must be, among other things, well educated. The best preparation can be achieved easier through successful attendance at an institution of higher learning. The cost of education is very high and college has a demanding curriculum. Both of these elements combine to make attending college a difficult decision for many of our youths.

In order to help make college a viable option and a reality for our children, the Knights of Columbus, Chisholm Trail Council #9368 Scholarship Fund has been established. This fund will remain in effect as long as it is financially solvent and serves its purpose.

II. Purpose

To provide financial assistance and promote scholastic excellence for children, grandchildren or legal wards of Third Degree members of Chisholm Trail Council #9368 in good standings and children of deceased members of same.

III. Selection and Administration Committee

The fund is established as a nonprofit activity. A committee, chaired by the Grand Knight of Chisholm Trail Council #9368 and three third degree members in good standing, will administer it. They will review all applications that have been verified by the secretary and select the scholarship recipient.

Grants in Aid (Scholarships)

Two scholarships will be given in a non-recurring lump sum payment to either the recipient or to the school of the recipient's choice pending proof of registration. (Proof of registration must be accompanied by an official school document). The grant for each recipient will be limited to \$1,000.

IV. Eligibility Criteria

- a. A qualified applicant must be a child, grandchild or legal ward of a Third Degree member Knights of Columbus, who is in good standing, or of a deceased Knight of the Chisholm Trail Council #9368, Knights of Columbus.
- b. Must be accepted and enrolled for the fall of 2018 or spring 2019 in an accredited college, university, trade or vocational school prior to payment.
- c. Must attach official school transcript and SAT or ACT.
- d. Points can be earned for participation in extracurricular activities; but points will not be lost for non-participation.
- e. Must submit a written essay (500-600 words) on the topic identified in the essay section.
- f. The application and all attachments must be **received on or before March 23, 2018.**

The Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee reserves the right to rescind an award should a recipient's circumstances change, such as failure to graduate from high school or failure to enroll at an accredited institution. The Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee reserves the right to withhold the award in the event that no applicants are deemed to meet the qualifications. The application and other requested forms **will be kept confidential and destroyed at the end of the award process.**

V. Contact Information

The scholarship application can be mailed or emailed to the following:

Attn: Scholarship Committee
Chisholm Trail Council #9368
Knights of Columbus
1701 Cushing Park Drive
Round Rock, Texas 78664
Email: goertz_m@exfluor.com

VI. Application Point Scoring

The selection of the scholarship recipient(s) will be determined by the ranking of the applications based on the following criteria: 1/3 of the points based on academic achievement, 1/3 of the points awarded based on financial need and 1/3 of the points based on other criteria such as extracurricular activities/jobs, SAT/ACT score, your essay writing score and consideration of the K of C member (related to the applicant) activities in the Knights of Columbus. Five extra (bonus) points will be awarded to an applicant who is able to demonstrate "financial hardship."

VII. Award Timeframe:

Applications must be received by March 23, 2018

Winners and other applicants will be notified of their status by April 23, 2018.

Recognize and award of a certificate to the scholarship winners at the St. Williams Catholic Church at the Senior Mass.

Scholarship awards will be dispersed to the recipient or to the school of recipient's choice upon receipt of written proof of enrollment. Scholarships awarded in 2018 must be applied to the fall 2018 or spring 2019 semesters. Awards will not be valid after May 2019.

VIII. Procedures

1. The form must be fully completed by the applicant and sent with supporting documents to the Secretary of the Selection and Administrative Committee at the above address by March 23, 2018.
2. The Secretary will verify each application for eligibility.
 - a. If eligible, make copies for each committee member and attach a grading sheet.
 - b. If the application is incomplete or, the person is ineligible, the applicant will be notified in writing giving the reason for ineligibility. The applicant will be informed, if there is time to correct the deficiency and return it before the deadline.
3. Each committee member will review each accepted application and assign a point value based on pre-determined scoring criteria to the following factors: (academic merit, financial need, SAT/ACT score, extracurricular activities/jobs, and the quality of your written essay).
4. Scores will be tallied and the individuals receiving the two highest scores will be awarded the scholarships.

Employment History:

If applicable, list job history. Start with the most recent employment.

Employment Dates	Employer	Job Title	Hrs. per Week
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

XII. Family Financial Information

1. Estimated Total Family Income: _____

BONUS: On a separate page, describe any existing conditions that cause unusual financial hardship, such as illness or incapacity. Include any special circumstances that you think should be considered as defined by the Internal Revenue Service please demonstrate how you are considered financially hardship.

NOTE: All financial information will be kept confidential and immediately destroyed after all applications are evaluated by KC Council #9368 to protect yours' and your family's privacy.

XIII. Knights of Columbus Essay

The Knights of Columbus do this to learn more about the applicants. The KCs want to know what the applicants believe in and what they are passionate about. Answers to the essay can show a student's thought process and the level of depth that they put into their thinking

On a separate page, please write a 500-600 word essay on the topic, "What is your responsibility as a Catholic in today's society?"

XIV. Certification:

All of the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I plan to enroll as a college student for the 2017 - 2018 academic year. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted. All application materials become the property of the Knights of Columbus #9368.

Applicant/Student's Signature

Date

K of C Member Signature

Date

The signatures above constitute authorization for the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee to verify all information requested on this application. The Knights of Columbus reserve the right to disqualify any applicant based upon any misrepresentation confirmed by the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee.

Final checklist before mailing:

____ Completed application

____ Official Transcript

____ SAT or ACT Scores

____ Essay

____ Copy of acceptance letter to a college/university, if available

____ If applicable, description of financial hardship or special circumstances

____ Extracurricular/Community and Job Activities Information

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted
Decisions of the Committee are final