

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - GOLDSMITH COUNCIL #974
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - 2026-27 School Year
Application Deadline - April 15, 2026

Application for Seniors from Chippewa Falls Area Schools

Knights of Columbus will award three \$1000 scholarships to seniors from McDonell Central High School, Chippewa Falls High School, or home-schooled students living within the Chippewa Falls Unified School District area who plan to continue their education at a college, university, or technical school.

Applicants need not be members of the Knights of Columbus or Catholic Church. Note: We have a separate program for those who will be attending a seminary.

About Us

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization with over 1.8 million members worldwide. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities for service to the Catholic Church, their communities, families, and young people. The four core principles of the Knights of Columbus are Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

The Goldsmith Council was founded on June 13, 1905. It is named after Father Charles F.X. Goldsmith, the missionary priest whose efforts led to the construction of the present Notre Dame Church as well as the establishment of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Holy Ghost Church, and the expansion of education in our city. The Goldsmith Council works closely with these parishes as well as St. Bridget's and St. Peter's Parishes.

Scholarship Application Instructions

Fill out the Personal Information page. Please print or download a fillable form at www.kofc974.com/scholarships (illegible forms will be rejected)

Use a separate sheet of paper for each of the following requirements. Do not include any identifying information in your answers. Place the requirement number and page number in the upper right corner of each page (example: 2-2 for requirement 2, page 2). Each answer should be double spaced in at least 12 point font.

1. Briefly describe your plans for post-secondary education, including the school(s) you plan to attend, whether or not you have been accepted, and your intended course of study.

2. Provide a list of all activities and community service projects you have been involved in at your school, church, and community. Include the duration of your involvement (by date or grade, as applicable) and the approximate time commitment total or per month (or other time period if applicable) for each activity. For each activity, briefly describe what you did and any offices held or awards received.

Example:

Hospital Volunteer (grades 11 and 12, 16 hours per month)
Greeted patients and visitors and provided directions
Taught CCD/Sunday school (grade 12, 36 hours total)
Taught 3rd graders
French Club (grades 10-12, 6 hours per month)
President in 12th grade

3. Knights of Columbus are dedicated to Charity. Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself”. This begins with helping those around us who are most in need, both materially and spiritually, and extends into a commitment to personal involvement in our community to better the quality of life for all of our fellow citizens.

Write an essay describing the importance of Charity in your life, focused on the command to “Love thy neighbor as thyself”. Describe times you have been charitable and times you have received charity and how this has shaped your future plans and goals.

Essay should be no more than three typed pages double spaced.

4. Include one letter of recommendation from someone directly associated with one of the activities or service projects listed in number 2 of the application. Only one recommendation letter per scholarship application. Letters of recommendation do not need to omit personally identifying information; they will be redacted as necessary prior to review.

To be considered, applications must be postmarked no later than **April 15, 2026**. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Send your application to: **Goldsmith Council #974 Scholarship Committee, PO Box 731, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729**

Scholarships will be awarded to recipients at the senior awards ceremony at their respective schools if applicable.

**Knights of Columbus Council #974 Senior Scholarship
Personal Information**

Full Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Senior at School: (required) ☐ McDonell Central High School
 ☐ Chippewa Falls High School
 ☐ Home schooled in Chippewa United School District Area

Parent(s) / Legal Guardian(s) _____

Parent / Guardian Phone Number _____

Parent / Guardian Email _____

Select any that apply (*not required to apply*):

- ☐ I am a member of Knights of Columbus Council #974
☐ Father / Grandfather is/was a member of Knights of Columbus Council #974

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KofC Member's Name _____

**Do not include any identifiable information (such as name / address)
on other pages of your application.**