

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - GOLDSMITH COUNCIL #974
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – 2020-21 School Year**

Application deadline is April 15th, 2022

The Knights of Columbus Goldsmith Council #974 will award three scholarships of \$1000 to graduating seniors from McDonell Central High School, Chippewa Falls Senior High School, or home-schooled students residing within the Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District area, who plan to continue their education at a college, university, or technical school.

ABOUT US

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

Goldsmith Council #974 was founded on June 13th, 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. Peter's Parish in Tilden.

CRITERIA

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, which leads to another of our core principles, Patriotism.

Although grade point average, class rank, and standardized test (ACT/SAT) scores are important, they are not considered in this application. These scholarships will be awarded to applicants who have demonstrated a commitment to Charity and Patriotism, not through financial assistance to those in need, but through personal actions and involvement.

Applicants need not be members of the Knights of Columbus or the Catholic Church.

Note: we have a separate scholarship program for those who will be attending a seminary; those intending to pursue a seminary or religious education will not be considered for this scholarship.

INSTRUCTIONS

Type all information on 8 ½ x 11 sheets of paper, double spaced in at least 12 point font, identifying the corresponding number from these instructions.

1. Provide your full name, address, telephone number, high school, and name and telephone number for a parent or guardian, on a cover page separate from the rest of the application. Do not provide your name, address, or other identifying information on any of the subsequent pages.
2. 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.
3. Provide a list of all activities or community service projects you have been involved in at your school, in your church and in our community, including for each the duration of your involvement (by date or grade, as applicable), and the approximate time commitment per month (or by other period, if applicable) for that activity, and any offices held or awards received.

Examples:

Hospital Volunteer (11, 12; 16 hours per month)
French Club (10, 11, 12; 6 hours per month, President 12th grade)
Relay for Life (11, 12; 20 hours per year)
Taught CCD/Sunday school (12; 4 hours per month for 9 months)
Boy Scouts (9, 10, 11; 18 hours per month, Eagle Scout)

4. Write an essay - no more than three pages, typed, double-spaced – describing the importance of Charity in your life, focused on the command to “Love thy neighbor as thyself”, and how this has shaped your future plans and goals.
5. Include one letter of recommendation from someone directly associated with one of the activities or service projects listed in part 4 of the application. Only one recommendation letter per scholarship application, please. 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 15th, 2022. 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.