



MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL

Knights of Columbus

November 1, 2007

Worthy Grand Knight,

I am enclosing "Information Sheets" outlining the various scholarship programs sponsored by the Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

The Maryland State Council sponsors an array of scholarship programs for students starting their college experience as well as students entering Catholic High Schools. Through the financial assistance provided by these scholarships, we presently support over thirty young Catholic men and women enrolled in colleges and universities across the country and in Catholic high schools of their choice in Maryland.

Our experience has shown that, on many occasions, members of the various councils, and often the Grand Knights themselves, are not aware or informed as to the availability of the programs provided by our State Council. The enclosed information will serve as a source of basic information and will provide members with the knowledge of how to proceed in making application for one or more of these scholarships. Information and applications may be obtained by writing to:

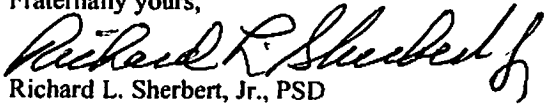
Maryland State Council
Knights of Columbus
10815 Stang Road
Owings Mills, MD 21117

or by calling me at 301-774-0998 or by contacting any of the Past State Deputies on the Scholarship Committee, as listed in the current State Directory, or by going to our web site at: www.kofc-md.org/state/committees/scholarships.htm.

Let me remind you that there is also a scholarship program administered by the Supreme Council. Information on these scholarships is included in your Grand Knights Handbook and also enclosed with this letter. Brochures containing information on the Supreme Council Scholarship programs may be obtained from the Supreme Council by calling 203-772-2130 or by contacting any of the Past State Deputies on the Scholarship Committee.

Please include scholarship information in your Council Bulletins from November through February. Please post a copy in a prominent location on your Council bulletin board. Be sure that your Council Publicity Chairman and/or Bulletin Editor has a copy so that it can be reproduced for greater distribution. Your cooperation in making this scholarship information available to your membership will be greatly appreciated.

Fraternally yours,


Richard L. Sherbert, Jr., PSD
Chairman, Scholarship Committee

Enclosures:
State and Supreme Council Scholarship Information Sheets
Cc: State Officers

Scholarship Programs

Sponsored By the Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus

The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus is the sponsor of several High School and College scholarships for its members and for Catholic Students in general. Below is a brief summary of these scholarships and information regarding eligibility for scholarship awards. **Awards may be applied to tuition payments only.**

The Frederick M. Gossman Memorial High School Scholarship

Designed to assist members of the Knights of Columbus holding membership in councils within the jurisdiction of Maryland in paying tuition for their sons and daughters at accredited Catholic High Schools, two grants of \$1,000.00 per year for up to four years, and one additional grant of \$1,000.00 per year for up to four years funded by the Maryland Knights of Columbus Insurance Advisors, will be awarded. Awards will be made on the basis of academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. The children of deceased members are also eligible, provided the member was in good standing at the time of death.

The William J. O'Brien Jr., Memorial Catholic High School Scholarship

One grant of \$1,000.00 per year for up to four years will be awarded. Eligibility for a grant under this program is open to Catholic students who are residents of the State of Maryland, and to children and grandchildren of a member of a Knights of Columbus council within the jurisdiction of Maryland. Applicants must have been officially accepted at or must be students at accredited Catholic High Schools. Applications will be judged on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need.

The Father Amos Gaudette Memorial College Scholarship

Two grants of \$1,500.00 each year for up to four years are available to members of the Knights of Columbus in councils within the jurisdiction of Maryland who are entering their first year of college. In addition to members, these grants are also open to wives and children of members. Wives and children of deceased members are eligible, provided the member was in good standing at time of death. Applicants may apply to any accredited four-year college or university. Grants are made on the basis of academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need, with primary emphasis placed on **academic excellence**.

The Monsignor William F. Sauer College Scholarship

Two grants of \$1,500.00 each year for up to four years will be awarded. Eligibility for a grant under this program is open to all Catholic students who are residents of the State of Maryland and are in their senior year of high school. Applicants may apply to any accredited four-year college or university. Grants are made on the basis of academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need, with emphasis on **financial need**.

Application period is from November 1, 2007 to March 1, 2008. All applications must be received no later than March 1, 2008. For scholarship information or applications go to: www.kofc-md.org/state/committees/scholarships.htm or write to:

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**MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS
SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM
SUMMARY OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

	Frederick M. Gossman HS Scholarship	William J. O'Brien, Jr. HS Scholarship
Who may apply	Sons and daughters of members of Maryland K of C Councils who are in good standing or deceased members of Maryland councils in good standing at the time of death	Any Catholic student residing in Maryland or children and grandchildren (residing in Maryland) of members in good standing of K of C Councils in Maryland.
For what type of school	Applicant must either be a student at or have been accepted for admission at an accredited Catholic high school.	Applicant must either be a student at or have been accepted for admission at an accredited Catholic high school.
The scholarships	\$1,000 per year for up to 4 years (2) –Funded by Maryland State Council (1) – Funded by Insurance Advisors (Father must be a K of C insurance member for the latter award)	\$1,000 per year for up to 4 years (1) –Funded by Maryland State Council
Basis for award	1)Academic Excellence 2)Personal Qualifications 3)Financial Need	1)Academic Excellence 2)Personal Qualifications 3)Financial Need

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

	Fr. Amos Gaudette College	Msgr. William F. Sauer College
Who may apply	Members in good standing of K of C Councils in Maryland and wives and children of members in Maryland. Wives and children of deceased members of Maryland councils are also eligible provided the member was in good standing at the time of death. Must be ranked scholastically in the upper half of their high school class.	Any Catholic student who resides in Maryland and is in his/her senior year of high school. Must be ranked scholastically in the upper half of their high school class.
For what type of school	Applicant must have been officially accepted at any accredited college or university	Applicant must have been officially accepted at any accredited college or university
The scholarships	\$1,500 per year for 4 years (2) –funded by MD State Council	\$1,500 per year for 4 years (2) –funded by MD State Council
Basis for award	1)Academic Excellence 2)Personal Qualifications 3)Financial Need Emphasis – Academic Excellence	1)Academic Excellence 2)Personal Qualifications 3)Financial Need Emphasis – Financial Need

SUPREME COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS

Three College Scholarships are available for undergraduate studies for students entering the freshman year in a program leading to a Bachelor's Degree. The scholarships are awarded for one year and are renewable for each year of undergraduate study to a total of four years subject to evidence of satisfactory academic performance and the discretion of the committee on Scholarships.

The scholarships are competitive and are awarded on the basis of academic excellence. Selection is made after a review of the secondary school record, class rank and the results of aptitude test scores. To be considered eligible, an applicant must be a member in good standing of the Knights of Columbus; the son or daughter of such a member, or of a deceased member who was in good standing at the time of his death; or a member of the Columbian Squires.

The scholarship grant is \$1,500.00 per year for the three scholarships. Also a requirement is that you must attend a Catholic College or University.

FOURTH DEGREE PRO DEO AND PRO PATRIA SCHOLARSHIPS:

If it is Catholic University of America – write to:

Director of Financial Aid
The Catholic University of America
Washington, DC 20064

For applications for other Catholic Colleges – please mail your request to:

Director of Scholarship Aid
Knights of Columbus
P.O. Box 1670
New Haven, CT 06507-0901

February 1ST is deadline for Catholic University of America

March 1ST is deadline for other Catholic Colleges.

JOHN W. McDEVITT (Fourth Degree) SCHOLARSHIPS:

These scholarships are a tribute to Past Supreme Knight, John W. McDevitt. The scholarships are on the same basis as those provided under the Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarship Fund and are available to members, wives, widows, and sons and daughters of members, including members who died while in good standing at the time of their death (Not limited to Fourth Degree members).

Application information and scholarship amount are the same (\$1,500.00) per year.

PERCY J. JOHNSON ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS:

This scholarship was a residual bequest received from the Estate of Percy J. Johnson (deceased).

The order offers a limited number of scholarships from the earnings of this fund established in his name. Brother Johnson stipulated that these scholarships be distributed to young men in the form of financial aid.

In accepting this bequest, the Board of Directors voted to administer the scholarship awards in conformance with the rules of the Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarship Program, subject to Brother Johnson's specific wishes. To be considered for these scholarships, the following is required:

- 1) Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholar application.
- 2) Copy of the student's Aid Report (SAR).

Eligibility, application, deadline, and scholarship amount are the same - \$1,500.00 per year.

Two Graduate Fellowships are also available.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS:

The Fellowship covers – Room, Board and Tuition, and may be renewed annually up to three years.

Application and/or more information contact or write to:

Director of Financial Aid
The Catholic University of America
Washington, DC 20064

BISHOP CHARLES P. GRECO GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS:

These Fellowships were named in honor of the late Supreme Chaplin, Bishop Greco, are for full time graduate study leading to a Master's Degree in a program designed for the preparation of classroom teachers of persons with mental retardation.

The maximum amount of the grant is \$2,000.00 payable to the University in amounts not to exceed \$500.00 per semester, renewable each semester of the program to a maximum of four semesters upon evidence of satisfactory performance and subject to the Committee on Fellowships.

The applicant must be a member of the Knights of Columbus in good standing or the wife, son or daughter of such a member or deceased member. Applicants must have good undergraduate record and give evidence of interest in, and aptitude for, work with persons with mental retardation. Special consideration will be given to applicants who select a Catholic graduate school. The final date for filing application for this Fellowship is May 1ST.

Applications may be obtained from:

Committee on Fellowships
Knights of Columbus
P.O. Box 1670
New Haven, CT 06507-0901

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS AND JOHN E. SWIFT EDUCATIONAL TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS:

These scholarships include tuition, fees, board and room and books. These scholarships apply to sons, daughters of Veterans of the Military, who died in action, World War II, Korean, Viet Nam, and the Gulf Wars. Also pertain to policeman and fireman who die in the line of duty, and were members of the Knights of Columbus at the time.

For information and/or application, call or write to:

Director of Scholarships Aid
Knights of Columbus
P.O. Box 1670
New Haven, CT 06507-0901

The Maryland State Council Scholarship Committee has no responsibility in the administration of the above listed scholarships from our Supreme Headquarters. There are more than 100 scholarships granted each year – all college scholarships, etc. No High School scholarships are granted by our Supreme Headquarters.

Supreme Council Knights of Columbus main telephone number is 1-203-772-2130.