



# Knights of Columbus

## Marquette Council 588

### Serving Sussex County Since June 30, 1901

#### **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The Marquette Council #588, Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program recognizes and provides assistance to any family child in need, who are currently or will be attending Immaculate Conception or Rev. George Brown Catholic Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. (Particular consideration will be given to children and grandchildren of brother Knights, Squires and Columbiettes). The Scholarship Committee seeks to identify those students who in addition to excelling in school have demonstrated good character and leadership through participation in extracurricular and community activities. Winners will be notified by mail. The grant is payable directly to the Catholic elementary school in the name of the winner. The scholarship will be granted prior to the beginning of the school year in September. For the school year, the Council will consider awarding two scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each. The Council also reserves the right to amend these scholarship awards dependent upon special circumstances and needs as recommended by the Scholarship committee and approved by the Council Officers.

#### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

The Scholarship Committee will consider five specific areas for judging applicants:

1. Catholic Church affiliation will be reviewed for both the applicant and their family. Specifics are on the attached page. Please respond to each question. Applicants are encouraged to obtain recommendation letters from their parish pastor or priest.
2. A Knight of Columbus affiliation in the Marquette Council #588 is NOT required. However, being affiliated with the Knights can be helpful, please Respond to the questions on the attached page.
3. School and community involvement is important. This can indicate character strength and leadership. List the areas of involvement on the application. Character reference letters from responsible adults (i.e. Priest, Principle school counselor, teacher, coach, etc.) will be considered. Applicants shall use the attached Recommendation Form for this purpose. This form may be copied for multiple uses.
4. Demonstrated financial need will be taken into consideration, reviewable on an individual basis. The application outlines this factor.
5. The applicant will submit a 200-250-word essay addressing the topic identified on the attached application. Essays will be judged on content and quality of presentation. The Committee will take into account the applicant's age and grade when reviewing this area.

**Completed applications must be postmarked by May 15th.**

Mail to: Knights of Columbus –  
Marquette Council #588  
Attn. Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 588  
Sparta, NJ 07871

(Retain this page for reference)

**Knights of Columbus**  
Marquette Council #588

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**School/Grade (September next school year):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Siblings:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ages:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Schools they attend:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Catholic Church Affiliation:**

- Which Parish is your family registered with? \_\_\_\_\_  
Has the applicant been Baptized? **Y N**  
Has the applicant received First Eucharist? **Y N**
- **Not including the Applicant how many children are currently attending a Catholic school:** \_\_\_\_\_
- Pastor/Priest recommendation letter included? **Y N**

**Knights of Columbus Council Affiliation:**

- Name of family member affiliated with the Knights of Columbus: \_\_\_\_\_
- How affiliated (A Knight, Squire, and/or Columbiette)?:  
Relationship to member: \_\_\_\_\_

**Extracurricular Activities:** List any school or outside activities the applicant is currently or been recently involved in (i.e., sports, clubs, scouts, youth organizations, church ministries, Columbian Squires, etc.). Identify leadership positions held as required.

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**Recommendation Form(s) and narrative included?      Y    N**

**FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT:** Financial need is a consideration in awarding this scholarship. Families are requested to obtain the required Financial Aid forms from their school who will submit the required info along with the application. This assessment is required and will disqualify the applicant if it is not included.

**ESSAY:**

Applicants will attach a 200-250 word essay (typed, double spaced, on plain paper with school style heading) to this application, addressing the following:

**"The Importance of a Catholic School Education"**

**CERTIFICATIONS**

**APPLICANT**

The information above is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian**

The Knights of Columbus and its agents have my permission to use any and all of the above information, including any attachments submitted with this application, for the purpose of judging my child in the award of a scholarship based on the stated criteria.

I have reviewed this completed application. I am aware of its contents and statements made by the applicant.

Father/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

