



Emmaus Catholic Parish – Council 14025
Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney
Knights of Columbus Youth Scholarship



Concerned about the religious faith and material welfare of immigrant families, Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus with the help of several men of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut in 1882. Its purpose was to help strengthen the faith of the men of his parish and to provide financial assistance in the event of their death to the widows and orphans they left behind. He was known for his tireless work among his parishioners.

On March 15, 2008, Pope Benedict XIV approved a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Fr. Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, giving the parish priest the distinction of "Venerable Servant of God." On October 31, 2020, Pope Francis declared Fr. McGivney "blessed." He is now one step from canonization as a saint. If canonized, Fr. McGivney would be the first American born priest to be so honored.

The Knights of Columbus have over 2 million members worldwide. From the moment of our founding in 1882, charity has been the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. We are men of faith and men of action.

In the last fraternal year, Knights worldwide donated nearly \$154 million to worthy causes, both large and small, and stepped up with close to 48 million hours of volunteer service. We undertake these acts of charity because we see those in need through the eyes of faith. Moreover, in the Knights of Columbus, we approach these acts of charity together. Pope Benedict XVI called this the "practice of love...as a community."

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1. Graduating high school senior in 2024**
- 2. Active and Registered member (or family) of Emmaus Catholic Parish**
- 3. Actively pursuing the continuation of education through an accredited college, university or trade/technical school**

We will award **multiple, individual scholarships**; one scholarship to each of the top selected eligible students; however, there will be only be one scholarship awarded **per family**.

Please fill out the following application completely and to your best ability. **No one component – academic achievements, service, activities, financial need, etc. – will weigh more heavily than another. The recipient will be chosen based on the entire presentation.**

Instructions:

1. Please print or type the information in black ink.
2. Use additional paper if necessary. If you do, be sure to reference application question.
3. Each applicant must submit a current, sealed official high school transcript with this completed application.
4. Please return completed application by May 1, 2024 to the Emmaus Catholic Parish office or mail to:
Emmaus Catholic Parish
Attn: Knights of Columbus Council 14025 - Scholarship Award
1718 Lohman's Crossing Road
Lakeway, TX 78734
5. The winners will be selected by May 15, 2024 and scholarships presented on Saturday, June 29, 2024 at the KC Awards Banquet.

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Applicant Name and E-mail Address:			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:

Family Members

Parents' Names	Parents' Address

High School Attended	Years	Address

What sort of financial responsibility will you have with your education? Will you work while in school?

What scholarships have you applied for and/or have already been awarded?

What other financial aid have you received thus far for continuing your education?

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List those paying jobs that you have had during high school (include summer jobs)

List those activities you have participated in during high school in your Parish community (describe at what level and frequency)

List those activities you have participated in during high school in your community outside of Church (describe at what level and frequency)

List those activities you have participated in during high school at high school (describe at what level and frequency)

What is the most important thing you have learned by providing service to your family, school community or parish?

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What Colleges, Universities or Trade/Technical Schools have you applied to or have been accepted to?

What will your likely career path be?

Why is continuing your education important to you?

Essay

Father McGivney is a great role model for all Catholics and his dedication and vision created one of the largest religious organizations in the world. Charity, Unity and Patriotism are the key principles of our Order. Please write an essay of no more than 500 words on the following topic:

Describe how your Catholic faith has guided you through your teenage years and prepared you for your journey into adulthood. Also, fast forward 10 years from now and describe for us your faith life as an adult.

Please submit on separate sheet of 8.5 x 11 paper attached to the application.

Signatures

Please accept this application for the Knights of Columbus Youth Scholarship. All information contained in this application is true and correct.

Applicant's Signature:	Date:
Parent Signature:	Date: