

FATHER PATRICK CAHILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Knights of Columbus Council #9640

Rochester, Illinois

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

Knights of St. Jude Council #9640, in order to fulfill two of the objectives of the Knights of Columbus, charity and fraternity, with respect and remembrance of the late *Father Pat*, and in recognition of the value and importance of higher education, has established an annual scholarship program known as the Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship. Scholarships will be awarded under the following conditions, regulations, and requirements:

1. **Amount:** A \$750 scholarship will be awarded each year commencing with the 2003-2004 school year. Recipients may renew the scholarship for three consecutive years for a maximum award of \$2,000;
2. **Eligible Candidates:** A scholarship will be awarded to one of the following eligible candidate:
 - (A) A third-degree member of Council #9640 in good standing; or
 - (B) A spouse or child of a third-degree member of Council #9640 in good standing; or
 - (C) A spouse or child of a deceased third-degree member of Council #9640 who had been in good standing; or
 - (D) Any registered member of St. Jude's Parish.
3. **Eligible Institutions:** The scholarship award may be used for any post secondary undergraduate school, including but not limited to, private business and professional schools, colleges, or universities.
4. **Payment of the Award:** Scholarship payments will be made at the beginning of the academic year directly to the school upon proof of enrollment by the scholarship recipient.
5. **Renewal:** As stated above, a scholarship recipient will receive a \$750 scholarship which can be renewed each successive year for a total of four years (the initial year plus three successive years) while the recipients is attending an eligible institution on a full-time basis as defined by the institutional catalogue. If a recipient ceases attending such a school or ceases attendance on a full-time basis, the scholarship shall terminate and shall not be renewable. All scholarship renewals will be approved by the President of the Selection Committee. The basis for approving such renewals shall be the following:

The students' achieving a satisfactory grade-point average of a C or above, as evidenced by official college transcripts.
6. **Application Deadline:** All applicants must complete the attached Scholarship Application and return it by April 15th of the calendar year to **Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship Fund, 633 South Walnut, Rochester, Illinois 62563, and Attention: Selection Committee.**

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7. **Scoring Applications:** As set forth in the Selection Committee criteria.
8. **Announcement of Award:** All applicants will be notified in writing of the scholarship recipient, with the formal announcement of the recipient of the scholarship award being made at the Council's annual Officer's Installation Ceremony in May of that calendar year.
9. **Questions:** Any question concerning applications should be addressed to the Chairman of the standing Selection Committee.

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GENERAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The applicant must submit to the Scholarship Selection Committee **on or before April 15th of the calendar year** the Scholarship Application which consists of the Application Cover Sheet, the Application Format, two (2) Letters of Recommendation, and an official Academic Transcript.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORMAT

All responses in **Sections A through D** should be typed in paragraph format (complete sentences) and should be concise. Please note the following comments for each section.

Section A. Extra-curricular activities:

The applicant is to provide the type of activity, the position(s) held, and the length of time for each entry.

Section B. Church-related activities: The Selection Committee assumes that each applicant has participated in some formal preparation for the reception of the Sacraments and has attended the Parish School of Religion or a similar program. **The applicant should not** consider these activities as part of the response to this section.

Section C. Civic Activities and Organizations: The applicant provides a brief description of the civic group and/or the organization, the activity (ies) performed, and the length of time or occasions of volunteer work.

Section D. Honors, Awards, and Offices: The applicant should consolidate the information into categories; provide first all honors, then awards, and finally offices. If awards are given for a specific subject for multiple years, the applicant should list these within one statement.

Section E. Essay: The purpose of the essay is to provide the Selection Committee with an insight into the applicant's faith experience. Since this is an essay, it is important the applicant begins with a concise statement of that experience, supports the statement with examples, and provides a conclusion about the future role of the faith in decision-making.

Section F. Official High School Transcript: The high school transcript must be submitted with the application. **If there will be a delay, the Selection Committee must be notified, immediately.**

Section G. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation: The applicant should contact the two individuals who will provide these letters and give them a brief overview of the nature of this application. Their letters should support the academic performance, the personal abilities and skills, and outstanding achievements of the applicant.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Name of Applicant: _____

Age: _____

Current Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Home Address (if different from above): _____

Telephone Number (if different from above): _____

Name of Church: _____

Church Address: _____

Pastor/Minister: _____

To the best of my knowledge, I have completed the Scholarship Application and attached the following as requested:

- ✓ Application Cover Sheet
- ✓ Scholarship Application Format
- ✓ Academic Transcript
- ✓ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation

Signature of Applicant

Date Submitted

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Directions: Please provide all responses to Sections A through D in a typed format on an attached sheet or sheets. All responses should be typed in paragraph format (complete sentences) and should be concise.

- A. Describe any extra-curricular activities in which you have participated during your academic years. (Provide the type of activity, the position(s) held, and the length of time for each entry.)
- B. Describe church-related activities with which you have been involved during your academic years. (The Selection Committee assumes that each applicant has participated in some formal preparation for the reception of the Sacraments and has attended the Parish School of Religion or a similar program. **The applicant should not** consider these activities as part of the response to this section.)
- C. Describe the civic activities and/or organizations for which you volunteered during your academic years. (Provide a brief description of the civic group and/or the organization, the activity (ies) performed, and the length of time or occasions of volunteer work.)
- D. Identify and explain all academic honors and awards you have received and offices you have held. (Consolidate the information into categories; provide first all honors, then awards, and finally offices. If awards are given for a specific subject for multiple years, the applicant should list these within one statement.)
- E. Submit an essay, of no more than **300 words**, that addresses the following questions. (The purpose of the essay is to provide the Selection Committee with an insight into the applicant's faith experience. Since this is an essay, it is important the applicant begins with a concise statement of that experience, supports the statement with examples, and provides a conclusion about the future role of the faith in decision-making.)

What role has your faith played in your life up to this time? How do you think your faith will affect your future decisions?

- F. Attach an official high school transcript through the first semester of the senior year. (The high school transcript must be submitted with the application. **If there will be a delay, the Selection Committee must be notified, immediately.**)

Name of High School: _____

Name of Principal: _____

- G. Provide **two letters** of recommendation as follows. (The applicant should contact the two individuals who will provide these letters and give them a brief overview of the nature of this application. Their letters should support the academic performance, the personal abilities and skills, and outstanding achievements of the applicant.)

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One (1) letter should be provided by someone who can support your involvement in extra-curricular activities as stated in Section A.

Name of Person submitting letter: _____

Position of Responsibility: _____

One (1) letter should be submitted by someone who can support your involvement in church-related service activities as stated in Section B **OR** submitted by someone who can support your academic achievement or leadership skills as stated in Section C.

Name of Person submitting letter: _____

Position of Responsibility: _____