

**Knights of Columbus, Maryland State Council
Frederick M. Gossman Memorial Catholic High School Scholarship
2025 – 2026 Application Requirements**

Eligibility: Three (3) tuition grants of \$1,500 per year for up to four years will be awarded. The applicant must be a son or daughter of a member of the Knights of Columbus in good standing in a Knights of Columbus Council in the jurisdiction of Maryland. Children of deceased members are also eligible if the member was in good standing at the time of death. Applicants must be attending or accepted to an accredited Catholic High School in Maryland.

[NOTE: Scholarship funds may ONLY be used for the payment of tuition and are applicable only with the beginning of the student's 2026-2027 academic year.]

Applications will be judged on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need.

Requirements:

The application **must** include the following materials in the order listed below:

1. The Application form
2. Knights of Columbus membership certification (must be obtained from the Financial Secretary of the father's council)
3. Middle School Principal or Student Counselor Evaluation
4. Student's academic grades transcript
5. Additional references, recommendations, information on awards, etc., but shall be limited to a maximum of 7 items.
6. Parents' Confidential Financial Statement with Social Security Numbers redacted.
7. Copy of parents' most recent Federal Income Tax Form with Social Security Numbers redacted. Only submit IRS Form 1040 (or equivalent) and Schedule A.

[NOTE: Do not include other schedules or State tax forms.]

All documentation MUST be received at the same time.

Failure to submit all elements at the same time will result in rejection of the application. If also applying for the O'Brien Scholarship, each application must be completed and submitted independently (no combining).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL
HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Read application carefully and provide all required information and answer all questions completely.
2. Notify your school authorities that you are applying for this scholarship grant. Request that the school principal or counselor fully complete the questionnaire contained in the application. Obtain from your school a complete transcript of your academic grades record. The questionnaire and grades record **must** be placed by the principal or counselor in a sealed envelope **and must be included with your application at the time of filing**. This required information will not be accepted or made part of your application if mailed separately.
3. You may attach up to seven (7) personal references or recommendations from your Pastor, teachers, employers, coaches, and evidence of awards (academic, community, church, etc.) that you received and personal accomplishments. This information includes references, which must be submitted in sealed envelopes and must be included with your application at the time of filing. Items submitted separately will not be accepted or made part of your application.
4. The Membership Certification form **must** be completed by the Financial Secretary of the father's council with the council seal affixed, and submitted with the application.
5. Applicants must include the Confidential Financial Statement form attached.
6. Each application with the required attachments **must be received IN ITS ENTIRETY** no later than **MARCH 1, 2025**. Late (Post Marked after the due date) or incomplete entries will be disqualified. Mail your completed application, following the required guidelines to:

**Knights of Columbus
Maryland State Council
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1468
Bowie, MD. 20717**

Winners of Scholarship grants sponsored by the Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus will be announced at their annual meeting held May 1-3, 2026. Winners will be notified by mail shortly thereafter. All other applicants will be notified of the results of the judging of his/her application by letter no later than June 1, 2026.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL
FREDERICK M. GOSSMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION FORM
Please type or print clearly

Name _____

Applicant's grade in the 2025-2026 academic year _____

Home address _____

City _____ Zip code _____ Telephone _____

Present school name _____

Present school address _____

Father's name _____ Occupation _____

Father's Knights of Columbus Council name & number _____

Mother's name _____ Occupation _____

Applicant & family attend _____ Catholic Parish _____

Parish address _____ Pastor's name _____

The following questions are to be answered by parent, guardian, or grandfather:

1. What course of study will the applicant pursue in high school?

Academic _____ Commercial _____ College Prep _____ Other _____

2. Have you received any financial aid toward tuition, etc.? _____

3. Which high school does your child plan to attend? _____

4. What is the annual tuition at this school? _____

Date Signature of Parent or Guardian

Parent or Guardian email address (optional) _____

Follow the detailed instructions contained herein in preparing your application. You may use the back of the application or additional pages to list any special information the Scholarship Committee should consider in evaluating your application.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL
FREDERICK M. GOSSMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION FORM**

Name of applicant _____

Name of member _____ Membership no. _____

Membership held in _____ Council No. _____

If member is deceased, was he in good standing at the time of death? Yes (), No ()

Relationship of Applicant to Member: _____ Son _____ Daughter

I certify that the above information is true, to the best of my knowledge, and that the member named above is in good standing in this council. If member is deceased, he was in good standing at the time of his death.

Date _____ Signature of Financial Secretary _____

COUNCIL _____ SEAL _____ Council Name _____

Council Number: _____

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL
(To be completed by school principal or counselor)

1. Name of applicant: _____
2. Address of applicant: _____
3. Enclose a complete transcript of the applicant's academic grades record and class standing in a sealed envelope.
4. Is there any academic information not included on the applicant's transcript that you feel the committee should know or consider?

5. Do you think the applicant's character and reputation makes him/her a good representative of your school and a suitable candidate for a scholarship award by the Knights of Columbus?
Please comment:

SCHOOL SUPPORT DATA

Please evaluate the student using: 1 - Excellent 2 - Very Good 3 - Average 4 - Below Average 5 - Poor

6. **SELF-DIRECTION AND DISCIPLE:** Deportment (); Gets along well with peers (); Works well alone and with others ().
7. **WORK HABITS:** Displays those habits of study which lead to achievement (); Completes assigned tasks (); is prompt, concentrates well (); Locates Information ().
8. **INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Participates in class discussions (); is a good leader as well as a group leader (); Participates in voluntary activities (); is admired by others ().
9. Estimate of applicant's likelihood for academic success in high school ().
10. To the best of your knowledge, will applicant attend Catholic high school without aid?

11. Has the applicant obtained financial aid for use in attending Catholic high school next year?

12. What is your considered recommendation to this committee concerning this applicant for the Knights of Columbus Scholarship?

Signature _____ **Title** _____

School _____ **Telephone** _____

This completed form, together with a copy of the student's academic grade record and class standing should be given to the applicant in a **sealed envelope** so that it may be included with his/her completed scholarship application.

Knights of Columbus, Maryland State Council Scholarship Program
CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

All information submitted will be accorded the strictest confidential protection by the members of the Scholarship Committee and will be destroyed after committee use.

THIS STATEMENT IS TO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT'S PARENTS.

Is Father living at home? Yes _____ No _____

Is Mother living at home? Yes _____ No _____

Number of children living at home: _____ Ages _____

Number of children who will attend private elementary school next year: _____

Number of children who will attend private high school next year: _____

Number of children who will attend college next year: _____

Number of children who will attend public school next year: _____

Yearly gross income of father: \$ _____

Yearly gross income of mother: \$ _____

Present value of home: \$ _____

Monthly home payment: \$ _____

List outstanding parent's debts, other than home mortgage:

Special or unusual expenses the family or applicant must meet:

Father's signature: _____ Date: _____

Mother's signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: A copy of the parent's most current or last filed federal income tax return (IRS Form 1040 or equivalent and Schedule A) **must** accompany this statement [Please redact all Social Security Numbers] Please limit to IRS Form 1040 (or equivalent) and Schedule A.

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