

**** \$1,000 Scholarship ****

Knights of Columbus Ohio Charity Foundation, Inc.

Important Rules:

- **Must be a practicing Catholic.**
- **Must be attending an Ohio Catholic High School.**
- **No more than one winner per school.**
- **Must include latest grade transcript.**
- **Application Deadline - Friday, November 25, 2022.**
- **Do not request a mail delivery receipt.**

Key Considerations:

- **Students financial need.**
- **Grade point average of at least 2.5 or higher.**
- **Prior scholastic honors.**
- **School extracurricular activities.**
- **Church involvement.**
- **Community involvement.**

See the Guidance Counselor for an application. Forms also available at our new website address:

<https://www.ohiocharityfoundation.org>

Ohio Charity Foundation

Mark Siracusa

President

September, 2022

Dear Presidents, Principals, Guidance Counselors, and Administrative Assistants:

The Ohio Charity Foundation, Inc. and the Ohio Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce that, for the 2022-2023 school year, many \$1,000 scholarships will once again be made available for Catholic students (grades nine through twelve) attending Catholic High Schools in Ohio. This is the twenty-seventh consecutive year that Knights of Columbus Scholarships have been awarded to our outstanding Catholic High School students. More than \$839,475 has been awarded during that time period.

All K of C Scholarship data may be found on the Ohio Charity Foundation website at a new web address: <https://www.ohiocharityfoundation.org>

The requirements that will be considered for this scholarship are financial need, a Grade Point Average of 2.5 or higher, academic awards, community and/or parish involvement, and extracurricular activities. We have a particular desire to help students, who may be considering a religious vocation, stay in a Catholic High School to foster and encourage that calling.

No more than one scholarship per Catholic High School will be awarded unless an endowment has been named for your school. A selection committee representing the Ohio Charity Foundation, Inc. and the Knights of Columbus will make the final selection of the scholarship winners. Enclosed are copies of the scholarship application that must be completed by the **STUDENT** and mailed to my home address via the US Postal System or emailed to me at my email address below, along with a current transcript of grades, by **November 25, 2022**. Please make additional copies of the application and provide each interested student with a copy as needed. Also enclosed is a bulletin board announcement for posting where you place such scholarship announcements.

The ultimate goal is to eventually provide a scholarship to a student in every Catholic High School in Ohio. Last year we awarded \$25,000 in scholarships! Did a deserving student in your high school receive one? Please encourage every student who fits the qualifications to apply for the Knights of Columbus Scholarship. Thank you for your assistance and we look forward to a possible scholarship presentation at your school in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Collins

Robert F. Collins, Jr., Past State Deputy
Scholarship Chairman
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Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus and the Ohio Charity Foundation Scholarship Program

History

- 1995** Delegates approve the Scholarship Program at 96th Ohio State Council Convention. Program fund begins with \$15,521: Proceeds from the K of C return address labels fundraising project.
- 1996** First 6 Scholarships awarded in December.
- 1995 – 2000** Charity Ticket sales provided over \$283,000 for the Fund. All funds, deposited in the Supreme Council Christopher Fund for the Scholarship Program, were matched by Supreme Council dollar \$\$\$ for dollar \$\$\$.
- 2001** The number of annual scholarships are set at 30.
- 2002** PSD Dennis Shonebarger donates \$5000 toward the annual Newark Catholic High School scholarship.
- 2011** St. Christopher Council #4558 donates \$36,000 toward the annual Mother Seton and Archbishop Elder High School scholarships.
- 2019** Columbus Chapter donates \$20,000 toward an annual scholarship in the Columbus Diocese.
- 2020** Anonymous donation of stock securities donated toward the annual Archbishop Edward F. Hoban High School Scholarships.

**** To date, 843 Scholarships have been awarded
totaling \$839,475 ****

Great Job, Ohio Knights – Thank You!

If you personally, or your council, are able to provide a donation of \$10,000 or more; or set up an annual \$1,000 contribution, you may provide a scholarship for the Catholic high school of your choice. (There are 71.) Please feel free to contact one of the Scholarship Committee Members listed below.

Please help us cover a scholarship for every Catholic high school in Ohio.

Bob Collins, Chair ~ rfcollinsjr@gmail.com

Larry Moegling - Paul Upman – Kevin Miller

Robert Byers – Mark Siracusa - Michael Felerski – James Maslach

Ohio Charity Foundation

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program

Fact Sheet

Purpose: The Ohio Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program was established to provide tuition assistance to Catholic High School students attending an Ohio Catholic High School.

History: 1995 – Scholarship program originally funded.
1997 – First scholarships awarded.
1998 to present – 843 Scholarships have been awarded worth over **\$839,475.00**
During the 2021 – 2022 school year, 39, \$1,000 scholarships were awarded.

Rules:

- Applicant must be a **Catholic High School Student** currently attending an **Ohio Catholic High School**.
- Application must be prepared and submitted by the student.
- A current grade transcript, or grade card for freshmen, must also be submitted.
- Current GPA must be at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Applications must be received by the end of business deadline of Friday, November 25.
- Applications may not be accepted by mail requiring a signature confirmation.
- No high school will receive more than one \$1,000 scholarship in a school year.

Website: <https://www.ohiocharutyfoundation.org>

Key Dates:

- Early September – Applications, Rules, and Bulletin Board Announcements are emailed to all Ohio Catholic High School Principals and Guidance Counselors. They are also posted on the Ohio Knights of Columbus Website at: <http://www.kofcoho.org/scholarships>
- November 25 – Scholarship submission deadline.
- Mid December – Scholarship winners are notified by email. All schools are notified by email of all winners and the Winners' List is posted on the Ohio Charity Foundation Website.
- Mid-January through March – Checks are formally presented to the winners.

Key Considerations:

1. Financial need as presented by the student.
2. Scholastic achievement (GPA).
3. Scholastic honors and extra-curricular school activities.
4. Involvement in parish programs and activities.
5. Involvement in local community programs and activities.
6. Preference may be given to children of current Knights of Columbus in the event of any ties.

Scholarship Donations:

A \$20,000 donation or bequest investment may provide an annual \$1,000 scholarship to the school of your choice in your name. If you are over 70½, you can make a tax-free contribution (Qualified Charitable Distribution) from an IRA. Contact Robert F. Collins, Jr., Scholarship Chair, at kofc.ocf.scholarships@gmail.com for more information.

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2022-2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please print clearly.

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List any academic distinctions and/or awards you have received and all School-oriented activities:

List all of your Catholic Church activities or projects during the past year:

List all of your community activities or projects during the past year:

Is your father currently a Knight of Columbus? If so, please list his name below. Please, father only.

His Name: _____ Council Number: _____ Council City: _____

You may list any of your additional qualifications or accomplishments on a separate sheet of paper.

A copy of your current high school grade transcript or first period grade card (if a freshman) with GPA and ranking information must be included with this application.

An independent selection committee representing The Ohio Charity Foundation, Inc., and the Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus, makes all final decisions regarding this scholarship award.

Winners and schools will be notified by December 15. Checks will be presented after January 15.

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