



Richard Pizzo Honorary Scholarship
Knights of Columbus; Council #8102
St. Jude Catholic Church, Redmond, WA. 98052

Scholarship Program Guidelines

Minimum Eligibility Requirements

1. Any high school senior from our local community planning to participate in post-secondary education is eligible to apply.
2. Applicants must be registered at a two-or four-year accredited college or trade school in the United States in the academic year following the application date.
3. Applicants must graduate from a high school in the local area - defined as the area supported by St. Jude Catholic Church, Redmond, WA. and includes Redmond, Kirkland, Woodinville, Duvall, Monroe, Carnation, and Sammamish Plateau.
4. Applicants must submit a completed Knights of Columbus Scholarship Application and provide supporting documents as noted on the form by the deadline noted.

Note: All young adults from our community are eligible to apply. Applicants do not have to be of the Catholic or Christian faith.

Criteria:

Award of the scholarship is based primarily on the criteria noted below.

1. **Extra-Curricular Activities:** Must show demonstrated leadership through involvement in community related activities.
2. **Academic Achievement:** Demonstrated academic excellence with a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale in high school.
3. **Financial Need:** Must demonstrate a financial need by addressing the need in the Essay and/or submitting a copy of a Pell Grant award (requirements are noted in the application form)
4. **Essay:** Will submit a 300-350 word essay (not to exceed one page) that demonstrates contributions that have been made to the local community as it relates to leadership, drive, integrity, or service.
5. **Presentation to the Scholarship Committee:** Each finalist will be required to make a 3-5 minute in-person presentation to the scholarship committee followed by a short interview by the selection panel.

Awardees will be chosen solely at the discretion of the Knights of Columbus, Council#8102, scholarship review committee.



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Essay Guidelines:

1. 300-350 word written essay printed or submitted as a Microsoft Word document.
2. Tell us about yourself and what extra-curricular activities you have participated in and what contributions you have made to the local community as it relates to leadership, drive, integrity, or service.
3. Tell us what you expect to achieve from a college or trade school education. In your essay talk about any challenges or obstacles you have dealt with and overcome in life and how this will help you succeed in college and beyond.

What's Covered by the Scholarship

The Richard Pizzo Honorary Scholarship will administer two scholarships annually in the amount of \$2,000 per scholarship for one year of college education to cover:

1. Tuition is for the school year in which the scholarship is awarded. Funds will be paid directly to the college admissions office.
2. The scholarship is available for an additional year after the freshman year (limit of two years). The awardee must reapply and submit grades from their first year.

Scholarship Selection Process:

1. Completed application and supporting information/requirements must be submitted to the Knights of Columbus no later than January 31st of the school year. Late applications will not be considered. Written application packages or emailed applications are acceptable.
2. One letter of recommendation (from other than relatives) must be submitted as part of the application package. The letter should speak to the character, integrity and or uniqueness of the student.
3. Include a copy of High School Transcript and Activity Sheet. The Activity Sheet should reflect school and community activities, as well as any awards and recognition the student has received for these activities.
4. Questions must be answered completely. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.
5. Awardee must be accepted to the college of their choice and show proof of enrollment before funds are provided (paid directly to the college).
6. Scholarship Review Committee members will independently fill out the scoring rubric. Four applicants with the highest cumulative score will be chosen as finalists.
7. Finalists will be invited to make a short in-person presentation and will be interviewed by the selection committee in early March before the winners are selected.
8. Scholarship will be awarded no later than March 30th of the school year for the following school year.