

# **Ohio 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 – 710 Scholarships have been awarded worth over **\$701,000.**  
During the 2017 – 2018 school year, 43 \$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 postmarked or emailed by the announced deadline, usually November 15.
- Applications may not be mailed requiring a signature confirmation.
- No high school will receive more than one \$1,000 scholarship in a school year.

Ohio K of C Website (new address): <https://www.kofcoho.org/scholarships>

### **Key Dates:**

- September 15 – 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 15 – Scholarship submission deadline.
- Late December – Scholarship winners are notified by email.
- January 15 – All schools are notified by email of all winners and the Winners' List is posted on the Ohio K of C Website.
- Late 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:**

We are currently able to provide approximately 41 scholarships annually, 30 from the original Ohio Charity Foundation's contributions (the 501c3 arm of the Ohio Knights of Columbus), 6 additionally from annual OCF grants, and 5 from individual and council contributions. A \$20,000 donation or bequest in a will can 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](mailto:kofc.ocf.scholarships@gmail.com) for more information.

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