



Knights of Columbus – St. Mary's Council #6202 (Cape May)

2026 Annual Scholarship Program

The Knights of Columbus (K of C) – St. Mary's Council #6202 (Cape May), affiliated with Our Lady Star of the Sea Church (OLSOS), is proud to offer an annual scholarship program to support the academic endeavors of dedicated students partaking in Catholic education that reside in Cape May County. This merit-based scholarship aims to encourage and assist students entering or attending a Catholic high school who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership, citizenship and active extracurricular involvement.

Scholarship Criteria

- ◆ Applicants must carry a minimum cumulative **3.5 GPA** or **B+** average from their current academic institution in order to qualify for the K of C scholarship.
- ◆ Applicants from middle schools [graduating eighth grade students] and current secondary school students must demonstrate a minimum **B+** average inclusive of mid-year grades to qualify for the Catholic high school scholarship program.
- ◆ Catholic residents of Cape May County and especially parishioners of OLSOS are welcomed and encouraged to apply for the K of C scholarship.

Scholarship Specifications

- ◆ Merit scholarships are one-time awards of \$1000. Eligibility is restricted to students entering or currently attending a Catholic high school.
- ◆ Qualifications will be based on high academic achievement, written essay, extracurricular and community activities as well as overall application presentation.
- ◆ Scholarship funds will be dispersed directly to an awardee's Catholic high school account to help defray tuition costs.
- ◆ Roman Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, are always welcomed and encouraged to join us and become a member of the K of C – St. Mary's Council #6202 (Cape May).

Scholarship Application Schedule

- ◆ **March 1st** – Annual application deadline (no exceptions)
- ◆ **May 1st** – Award notifications will be sent out to all K of C Scholarship recipients



Scholarship Document Requirements

- ◆ Completed application – available at the OLSOS parish office and as a downloadable PDF on the K of C – St. Mary's Council #6202 (Cape May) ministry page of the church's website (www.ladystarofthesea.org) or scan the QR Code below for additional information
- ◆ Current official academic transcript(s) indicating cumulative GPA – only sent in a sealed envelope or electronically directly from applicant's school (student copies unacceptable)
Note – Official transcripts for any concurrent enrollment or dual-credit college courses taken during high school are also required
- ◆ Written essay – explaining the significance of a Catholic education and demonstrating participation in extracurricular activities (500 – 700 words)
- ◆ Resume – highlighting academic achievements, activities and community involvement
- ◆ Two academic recommendations

Incomplete scholarship applications or those applicants who do not qualify, will not be considered!

For further information about the K of C Scholarship Program, please contact the Scholarship Program Coordinator at kofc6202@gmail.com or send inquiries to:

Knights of Columbus – St. Mary's Council #6202 (Cape May)
P. O. Box 100
Cape May, NJ 08204

Note: The K of C – St. Mary's Council #6202 (Cape May) reserves the right to modify or update scholarship criteria and guidelines as deemed necessary. Scholarships will be awarded annually based on the availability of K of C Scholarship Program funds.





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2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

<i>Please print or type answers:</i>			
1.	Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Initial:
2.	Street: City: State: Zip:		
3.	Phone: Email:		
4.	Date of Birth Month: Day: Year:		
5.	Parents/legal guardians (Include address only if different than your own) Name(s): Street: City: State: Zip: Phone:		
6.	Name of current middle or high school attending:		
7.	Name of Catholic high school you are planning to attend:		
8.	<i>Submission of all Scholarship Document Requirements listed on top of previous page</i>		

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STUDENT PLEDGE OF ACCURACY

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship awardee, according to the K of C – St. Mary's Council #6202 (Cape May) Scholarship Committee, I must be present at any potential awards ceremonies or receptions in order to receive my scholarship grant. Also, if chosen as a scholarship recipient, I consent for my image to be taken and used to promote the K of C Scholarship Program. Awardee reserves the right to waive photo promotion due to any special or compelling circumstances.

Additionally, I hereby acknowledge that I will not submit this application packet without all of the required materials and official supporting documents. To qualify, I also understand that incomplete scholarship applications and those applicants without the minimum GPA criteria, will not be considered.

I hereby affirm that all of the previously stated information provided is true and factual to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Date: _____

Five-Part Application Process & Checklist:

- ☐ 1 Scholarship application form (detach and retain instructional cover at perforation)
- ☐ 2 Essay from student applicant
- ☐ 3 Resume from student applicant
- ☐ 4 Current official transcript(s) – only sent in a sealed envelope or electronically directly from applicant's school (student copies unacceptable)
- ☐ 5 Two academic recommendation letters

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SEND COMPLETE 2026 APPLICATION PACKET VIA USPS TO:

Knights of Columbus – St. Mary's Council #6202 (Cape May)
Scholarship Program Committee
P.O. Box 100
Cape May, NJ 08204

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS VIA MULTI-PAGE PDF PORTFOLIO ONLY: kofc6202@gmail.com

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1st of each year (NO EXCEPTIONS)

