

Knights of Columbus Council #6031 Scholarship Program

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: May 31, 2025

Among its many activities, the Knights of Columbus, Poway Council #6031, awards academic scholarships annually to members of our parish. Our parishioners provide the financial support to make this possible.

To qualify for an award, you, or your parent(s)/guardian(s), MUST have continuously been a registered parishioner of St. Gabriel for at least the last six months.

Eligibility for, and the amount of each scholarship will be based on the following:

- Academic Performance
- Economic Need
- Parish involvement
- Community Service
- Miscellaneous – getting to know you!

The scholarship may only be used to pay for education expenses at any community college, college, university, or vocational or religious institution.

Applicants must complete an application available online at www.powayknights.com.

This PDF application is editable in Acrobat Reader. For the personal statement, it is OK to prepare this in a separate document and submit with your application.

Completed applications and all supporting materials must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee by May 31. The following must be submitted along with your completed application.

- A recent photograph – attached to the front of the application.
- A personal statement – see page 2.
- A copy of your academic transcript; high school or college. SAT/ACT scores are not required, but if you are an incoming college freshman, have them and would like to share, please do.
- **PLEASE SIGN THE APPLICATION.**

Please be specific and provide examples wherever possible. Unsubstantiated claims will not receive much credit. For example, a statement such as: "I have great economic need" will carry little weight. In contrast, "I have great economic need because my parents are employed in minimum wage jobs and I have two other siblings in college" will carry significant weight.

On the issue of financial need, applicants may supplement their application with a concise and detailed statement from a parent or guardian attesting to the student's financial need.

A Knights scholarship committee reviews the applications, selects the recipients, and determines the awards. Preference is given to fellow Knights and their families. Applicants cannot be related to or have a close personal relationship with any member of the scholarship committee.

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Scholarship Awards will be announced in June, and checks presented to the recipients. At the committee's option, the Scholarship Award may be paid directly to the educational institution of the student's choice upon receipt of written confirmation of the student's acceptance for full-time studies.

Two special awards will occur this year.

1. The Deacon Bob Troy Memorial Scholarship is our top award
2. The Jim Tom Cavanaugh Memorial Scholarship will target business or broadcasting majors who demonstrate tenacity, integrity, initiative, and dedication to their Catholic Faith.

The scholarship awards are to be used for the ensuing academic year.

Completed and signed applications, along with the supporting material, should be mailed to:

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee
c/o Steve Cobb
14618 Roberto Rio Road
Poway, CA 92064

Alternatively, scanned copies may be emailed to stevenkobb@hotmail.com.

Questions? Contact Steve Cobb, (858) 486-3128 or stevenkobb@hotmail.com.

The Personal Statement Guidance:

Please address the following topics in your personal statement. More credit is given for being clear and concise. Please do not exceed two double-spaced typed pages in total for all questions.

1. Academic - Describe your academic performance. Indicate any awards of distinction received for academics or leadership. What is your career objective?
2. Need – Help us understand your financial need, if any. How will you pay for your education? Are you dependent on family support? Do you work while in school? Do you have other scholarships, grants or awards and if so, how much is each?
3. Church Service – In the LAST YEAR have you been active at St. Gabriel or another parish (i.e. Newman Center or local church outside of San Diego) where you are attending school? Please share in detail.
4. Community Service – What, if anything, have you done with respect to community service, and corporal works of mercy: To feed the hungry. To give water to the thirsty. To clothe the naked. To shelter the homeless. To visit the sick. To visit the imprisoned. To bury the dead.
5. Insights – Beyond what you have written already, what more would you like to share that helps us understand the real you and how you see the world?

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #6031
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

STUDENT'S GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Date of application _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone _____ Date of birth _____

Email _____ Marital status _____

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

If high school, name of school _____

Expected date of graduation _____ GPA _____

What college do you plan to attend or are attending?

Address _____

How many units will you carry? _____ Units

What is your major? _____ Degree(s) _____

Mark year in college: ____ Freshman ____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior ____ Graduate

Total number of units completed _____ GPA _____

List title of courses and number of units in which you will be enrolled:

Courses _____ Units _____

Are you a financial aid recipient or beneficiary of a scholarship award? ____ (Y) ____ (N)

Type _____ Amount _____ Year _____

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Type _____ Amount _____ Year _____

If your parents support other family members, how many? _____ Ages _____

Are you financially dependent on your parents (Yes/No)? _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT

For your personal statement, please use the attached editable pdf. Alternatively, you may provide a separate document covering all 5 topics along with your application. If so, please limit it to two double-spaced typed pages.

Student's Scholarship Record:

A copy of your academic transcript, high school, or college. SAT/ACT scores are not required, but if you are an incoming college freshman, have them and would like to share, please do.

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE RELEASE of this scholarship application, references, and my academic records to the scholarship committee. I certify all information provided by me is true to the best of my knowledge. I or my family are registered parishioner(s) of St. Gabriel.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

DATE _____

We will acknowledge receipt of your application by email within 3 days of the deadline. If you don't hear back from us within 3 days, please email stevenkcobb@hotmail.com.

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