

College Scholarships for Future Saints - Application Process

Sponsored by KoC Assembly 2017

Wilmington, North Carolina

The **Scholarship for Future Saints** program is a competitive college merit scholarship. Funding is provided by the Msgr. Christopher Dennen 4th Degree Assembly 2017 of the Knights of Columbus; a Catholic, charitable, family and fraternal **patriotic** organization (see note). Scholarships are awarded to local parish senior year high school students enrolling in a college or university for the upcoming 2021-22 academic school year. Winners will have demonstrated strong academic achievement, identifiable service to church / community, and have some financial need in meeting college educational / living expenses. Recipients will be determined by the KoC Assembly designated judges. The \$3,000 in scholarships will be allocated \$2,000 for first place and \$1,000 for second place. Funds will be made payable directly to the recipient's higher education where attending for benefit of student account no later than August 15, 2021.

To be eligible for consideration, the applicant must:

- 1) Submit required documents consisting of:
 - a) Fully completed attached application form,
 - b) A short, typewritten autobiographical statement of approximately 300 words that speaks of applicant's:
 - i) academic achievements,
 - ii) church and community service,
 - iii) sacramental life
 - iv) career goals and sources of motivation to persevere,
 - v) statement of scholarship importance to help meet college expenses
 - c) A written research paper on the life, work, spiritual transformation, and legacy of an **American Saint** (or Blessed individual in steps toward canonization) of your choice. (Note- Entire family may assist with saintly data collection). Include a summary of how knowledge of the saint's life journey now calls to your own commitment to lifelong spiritual development (similar to ongoing professional development). The paper must be a minimum of 500 words in length with a bibliography of source materials used in accordance with the MLA (Modern Language Association) system for documenting sources. See <https://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/DocMLA.html>.
 - d) Official high school transcripts obtained from applicant's high school principal or counselor and enclosed with the application form. (If applying by e-mail please have documents sent to the e-mail address below.)
- 2) Be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. (Pastor's letter of support a positive).
- 3) Be accepted for admission as a full-time regularly enrolled student at a regionally accredited college or university. Note: scholarship funds are made payable directly to the college or university at which the scholarship recipient is to attend. Funding must be returned to the Knights of Columbus Assembly 2017 if the recipient fails to attend or withdraws from the Fall 2021 term.
- 4) The deadline for applications is Tuesday, April 30, 2021. Applications sent by U.S. Mail must be postmarked on or before that date. Applications sent by e-mail must be received by 11:59 PM on that date. Winners will be notified no later than July 30, 2021.
- 5) For questions, email Caleb Strittmatter, Scholarship Chairman at 2021Scholarship@ec.rr.com.

Applications may be submitted either by U.S. Mail or by e-mail only. No other means are acceptable. The addresses for each option are:

U.S. Mail:

Chairman, K of C Scholarship Committee,
P.O. Box 1841,
Wilmington, NC 28402-1841

E-mail:

2021Scholarship@ec.rr.com

Note: Includes \$1,500 matching donation from St. Mark Catholic Church

