

2019-2020 College Scholarship Information

Awards Available

Two \$1000 scholarships will be awarded.

- One to be awarded to a Catholic student at Grand Valley State University
- One to be awarded to a parishioner of St. Luke's University Parish who will be attending another 2- or 4-year college or university.
- If either category does not receive qualified applicants, the council reserves the right use its discretion in awarding funds.

Qualifications

To apply for this scholarship, students must:

- Be enrolled full-time (at least 12 credit hours) at a 2- or 4-year college or university for the 2019-2020 academic year.
- Be a Catholic student attending Grand Valley State University OR a parishioner at St. Luke University Parish attending another college/university.

Ideal candidates will also:

- Demonstrate academic talent.
- Demonstrate community and/or faith involvement, leadership, and devotion.

Additionally, financial need may be taken into consideration for decisions between similarly qualified candidates.

Application

The following items are required for an application:

1. Completed application form
2. Personal statement/essay (see application form for details)
3. A sealed letter of recommendation
 - a. Preferred recommendation sources:
 - i. A member of the clergy or religious brother or sister (**not** from St. Luke's)
 - ii. A lay leader at St. Luke's or home parish (if not St. Luke's)
 - iii. An actively involved GVSU student at St. Luke's
 - iv. A member of the Knights of Columbus here or at another council
 - v. A registered, non-related parishioner at St. Luke's or home parish (if not St. Luke's)
 - vi. A teacher, employer, etc.
 - b. To ensure fairness, **recommendations** from the following sources will not be accepted:
 - i. A relative of the applicant
 - ii. A current or former member of the clergy who served at St. Luke's



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1. This refers to clergy who are/were permanently assigned to ministry at St. Luke's. Seminarians, residents, clergy who previously attended GVSU or were parishioners at St. Luke's, etc. are acceptable.
 - iii. A member of the Knights of Columbus Council #14586 who is on the selection committee
 4. An official high school and/or college transcript
 5. Copy of FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)
- All personal information will be kept confidential and will be available only to the scholarship decision committee.

Submission and Deadline

Completed applications and supporting documents must be **received** no later than 6:30 PM on Sunday, March 3, 2019. No exceptions can be made to this deadline.

Completed applications can be submitted at the St. Luke's parish office or by mail to:

Attn: Scholarship Chairman
Knights of Columbus
10144 42nd Ave
Jenison, MI 49428

Contact Information

Please contact one of the following if you have any further questions:

- Grand Knight:
 - Ethan Ruffing
 - gk14586@mikofc.org
 - 269-986-0928
- Deputy Grand Knight
 - Nathan Esch
 - pd14586@mikofc.org
 - 661-304-7584
- Scholarship Committee Chairman
 - Jason Horton
 - horton_jason@yahoo.com
 - 616-328-7444

Decision and Presentation

Winners will be contacted by mail, email, and/or phone near the end of March or beginning of April. Awards will be presented at the Knights of Columbus meeting on Sunday, April 14 at 7:00 PM at St. Luke's. Recipients and their families (if available) are requested to attend.



Application for 2019-2020 Scholarship

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Contact Information:

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please mark all that apply:

- Member or relative of a member of Knights of Columbus (not required)
- Catholic student at Grand Valley State University
- Home Parish: _____
- Parishioner or child of parishioner at St. Luke's University Parish
- Registered parishioner's name: _____

Educational institution you plan to attend (if undecided, please list those which you have applied to):

What year of study will you be entering during the 2019-2020 academic year?

- Freshman (1) Sophomore (2)
- Junior (3) Senior (4)
- Other (i.e., fifth year of undergrad)
- Graduate Student

Intended or current major/area of study: _____

(put "undecided" if not sure yet)



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Please include a typed personal statement/essay, no longer than 1500 words. This is intentionally open-ended, but here are some questions to guide your thinking:

- **How have you contributed to your community as well as your Catholic faith in the areas of service and leadership?**
- Describe any factors or events in your life that have influenced your decision to attend college.
- Who has inspired you?
- What is/are your proudest academic achievements?
- What are your career and/or educational goals?

Signature of Applicant: _____ (Date)