**The Saint Mary’s Knights of Columbus Council is proud to offer the Saint Mary’s Knights of Columbus Council Merit Scholarship. The Saint Mary’s Knights of Columbus Council 14129 annually awards $1,000 to a qualified twelfth grade student.**

All qualified students are invited to apply, and the award will be granted by the Saint Mary’s Council Scholarship Board, which consists of the current Grand Knight of Council 14129 and the three Trustees of the Council. The scholarship will be paid to the Institution of Choice in the name and on behalf of the Winner.

**The prospective scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:**

1. The student has completed Confirmation
2. The student’s parent(s) or guardian(s) is/are registered member(s) of Saint Mary’s Catholic Church
3. The student completes a Saint Mary’s Church Knights of Columbus Council 14129 College Scholarship application
4. The student plans to attend post High School education in the school year following the students’ graduating year, and submits an acceptance letter for a post-HS education program
5. The student submits an essay between 200-250 words (typed, double spaced) discussing “*How my Faith has prepared me for College.*” *Only the top of the first page will contain the scholarship applicant’s name and the content will not mention any family names as this essay will be read and evaluated objectively by the scholarship board anonymously. (Please do not include any personally identifying information in the essay).*
6. The student lists the various voluntary services which he/she performed and/or participated in at our church or in the local community
7. The student provides recommendations from a church leader and a High School administrator (teacher, principal, coach, etc.)

***The application and supporting material must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2022 for scholarship consideration for the fall semester of 2022. These items must be mailed via first class mail.***

***Winner of the scholarship will be announced at a Luncheon on Sunday, TBD at 12:30 pm in St. Mary’s Lower Commons. All applicants and their families are welcome to attend.***

If you have any questions, please contact Scholarship Chairman and Past Grand Knight, Jack Sheehan at (804) 347-2415 or via email at norvujack@gmail.com, p lease use the identifier K of C 14129 Scholarship in the Subject line.

The completed application and supporting documents are to be mailed via first class mail to:

St Mary’s Catholic Church

c/o Knights of Columbus Council 14129 - Scholarship Committee

9505 Gayton Road

Richmond, Virginia 23229

**Section I**

Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Zip Code\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Section II**

High School\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Principal’s Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Numerical grade average for prior Six (6) marking periods\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**SAT Scores Math**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Reading**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Writing**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**ACT Composite** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Section III**

College Choice\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Section IV**

Details of church/community services performed in the past three years. These details must be typed on a separate sheet of paper.

**Section V**

Attach an essay between 200-250 words (typed, double spaced) discussing “*How my Faith has prepared me for College*”. *Only the top of the first page will contain the scholarship applicant’s name and the content will not mention any family names as this essay will be read and evaluated objectively by the scholarship board anonymously. (Please do not include any personally identifying information in the essay);*

**Section VI**

 **I am the sole author of the essay “*How my Faith has prepared me for College*”.**

I have provided my most current high school grades and SAT/ACT scores.

 I have enclosed a copy of my college Acceptance Letter.

Applicant’s Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian’s Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_