

Ohio Charity Foundation

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program

Fact Sheet

Purpose: The Ohio Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program was established to provide tuition assistance to Catholic High School students attending an Ohio Catholic High School.

History: 1995 – Scholarship program originally funded.
1997 – First scholarships awarded.
1998 to present – 925 Scholarships have been awarded worth over
***\$901,475.00 ***
During the 2025 – 2026 school year, 24, \$1,000 scholarships were awarded.

Rules:

- Applicant must be a **Catholic High School Student** currently attending an **Ohio Catholic High School**.
- Applicant must be a resident of Ohio
- Application must be prepared and submitted by the student; parents may assist with the Financial Section.
- A current grade transcript, or grade card for freshmen, must also be submitted.
- Current GPA must be at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Applications must be received by the end of business deadline of Tuesday, December 1.
- Applications may not be accepted by mail requiring a signature confirmation.
- No high school will receive more than one \$1,000 scholarship in a school year.

Website: <https://www.ohiocharityfoundation.org>

Key Dates:

- Early September – Applications, Rules, and Bulletin Board Announcements are emailed to all Ohio Catholic High School Principals and Guidance Counselors. They are also posted on the Ohio Knights of Columbus Website at: <http://www.kofcoho.org/scholarships>
- December 1 – Scholarship submission deadline.
- Mid December – Scholarship winners are notified by email. All schools are notified by email of all winners and the Winners' List is posted on the Ohio Charity Foundation Website.
- Mid-January through March – Checks are formally presented to the winners.

Key Considerations:

1. Financial need as presented by the student.
2. Scholastic achievement (GPA).
3. Scholastic honors and extra-curricular school activities.
4. Involvement in parish programs and activities.
5. Involvement in local community programs and activities.
6. Preference may be given to children of current Knights of Columbus in the event of any ties.

Scholarship Donations:

A \$20,000 donation or bequest investment may provide an annual \$1,000 scholarship to the school of your choice in your name. If you are over 70½, you can make a tax-free contribution (Qualified Charitable Distribution) from an IRA. Contact Robert F. Collins, Jr., Scholarship Chair, at kofc.ocf.scholarships@gmail.com for more information.

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