

**SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 14129**  
**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP for 2023**

**DIRECTIONS TO APPLY AND INFORMATION SHEET**

**DEADLINE JANUARY 31, 2023**

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 one \$1,000 College Scholarship to a qualified twelfth grade male student and one \$1,000 College Scholarship to a qualified twelfth grade female 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.

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**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 received no later than January 31, 2023 for scholarship consideration for the fall semester of 2023, so be sure to mail them early and keep proof of postmark. In fairness to all, no late application and supporting material will be accepted for consideration. These items must be mailed via first class mail.***

***Winners of a scholarship will be honored at a Luncheon on Sunday, June 4, 2023, at 1PM in St. Mary's Lower Commons. All winners 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](mailto:norvujack@gmail.com), please 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