

2026 COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP



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The 2026 Collegiate Scholarship, sponsored by the Cape Fear Deanery parishes, the Knights of Columbus Councils and the Knights of Columbus Assembly 2017, is a college merit-based program created to assist Catholic students with college educational / living expenses who are entering their first year of college. The Scholarships are awarded to Deanery senior year high school students who will be enrolling in a university, college or community college for the upcoming 2026-2027 academic school year. Winners will have demonstrated academic proficiency with identifiable service to church, school, and the community. Three Scholarships in the amounts of : \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 will be awarded. Recipients will be determined by the 2026 Collegiate Scholarship Committee, which is comprised of representatives from Deanery Parishes and the Knights of Columbus. The three scholarship awards will be made payable directly to the award recipients and the checks will be presented to the winners at the Knights of Columbus Assembly 2017 Meeting on May 19, 2026.

To be eligible the applicant must:

- 1) Be a practicing Catholic registered in a Cape Fear Deanery Parish.
- 2) Submit required documents consisting of:
 - a. Fully completed attached 2026 Collegiate Scholarship application form,
 - b. A typewritten autobiographical statement of no more than 2 -3 pages in length that speaks of the applicant's:

- i. Continued ongoing participation and involvement in the Church during high school
 - ii. Participation and involvement in their high school community (clubs and athletics) the community at large, as well as their career goals and aspirations
 - iii. Academic achievements
 - c. A written original research essay on the spiritual transformation of a **Catholic Saint** (or Blessed individual in the process toward canonization). This Essay must include a statement of how your investigation of the chosen saint's life calls you to lifelong spiritual development (similar to your future career/ongoing professional development). The essay must be at least 700 words minimum in length with a bibliography of at least 2-3 resources used in research noted.
 - d. Copy of an official high school transcript obtained from applicant's high school principal /counselor and enclosed with the application form.
 - e. Copy of the acceptance letter from the university, college or community college that you are planning to enroll in for the 2026-2027 academic year. All applicants must be accepted for admission and enrolled at an accredited university, college or community college.
- 3) **Applications and supporting application materials must be submitted by e-mail.** Submit application, transcript, college acceptance letter and both essays by email to : Scholarship@kofc2017.org **These documents must be received by 11:59 PM on April 30, 2026.** Winners will be notified in advance of the May 19, 2026 Knights of Columbus Assembly 2017, meeting during which the scholarship checks will be presented.
- 4) For questions, email the 2026 Collegiate Scholarship Chairperson at Scholarship@kofc2017.org .

