



# Knights of Columbus

FREDERICKSBURG COUICIL No. 4034  
P.O. Box 146  
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22404

## Conor Jerome Catholic Education Assistance Program

### Scholarship Grant Application

#### High School Student

#### Section 1. Background

The Conor Jerome Catholic Education Assistance Program (CJCEAP) is a need-based scholarship grant program developed and administered by Fredericksburg Council #4034 of the Knights of Columbus. The purpose of the program is twofold:

- a. To give deserving students the financial means to continue their Catholic school education, and
- b. To provide financial assistance in the form of grants to families who, because of financial difficulties, are unable to fully pay the current year's tuition at Saint John Paul the Great High School or Saint Michael the Archangel High School, Fredericksburg, VA.

This program does NOT provide financial assistance for students enrolled in any of the St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church Parish Religious Education Programs.

The dollar value of the grants to be awarded under this program range between \$500.00 and \$1,000.00. The value of each grant will depend on the number of grants that are awarded. Grants are for the current academic year only. Families may reapply for grants in succeeding academic years if financial difficulties persist or recur.

The Knights of Columbus is a non-profit organization established to perpetuate the legacy of Father Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus.

The purpose of the Knights of Columbus is to increase awareness of the many notable contributions made by our founding father; to support educational assistance programs; to support and promote community service; and to improve the social conditions through charitable, religious, and social welfare involvement, rendering mutual aid and assistance to sick and needy members and their families, and providing insurance products and annuities to benefit members, wives, and children.

Throughout the year, Council 4034 members diligently work together as a fraternity, with our parish, and in many cases with our community to coordinate activities, events, and various

projects that create camaraderie, goodwill, and esprit de corps. Our interest and desire to participate in community efforts has no bounds.

## Section 2. Eligibility

For a student and family to be eligible for consideration, the following criteria must be met:

- a. The family must be active parishioners registered with St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fredericksburg, VA.
- b. The student must be attending Saint John Paul the Great High School, Dumfries, VA or Saint Michael the Archangel High School, Fredericksburg, VA
- c. The family must demonstrate financial need.
- d. The student must demonstrate a potential for academic success.
- e. Parent(s) must volunteer/help at the Parish.
- f. Scholarships are awarded irrespective of race, gender, or national origin

## Section 3. Grant Application Procedure

Students must complete the enclosed Grant Application Form. It must be typed. Additional typed pages may be used, but please indicate which question the additional information pertains to. Failure to use the Grant Application format or provide **ALL** requested information will result in rejection of the application.

**Important: Students must also complete an essay.** Essay Requirements: Applicants must submit an essay that addresses one of the two statements in red: **What does Mother Mary's Rosary mean to you and how has it impacted you or someone you are close with, in helping you/them to grow in faith? Or, explain how young Catholics can evangelize our faith to families and friends who have turned away from religion and encourage them to return to the Church and embrace the sacraments.**

Submit your 250 – 500-word essay using the American Psychological Association (APA) format for an 8 1/2x11-inch document:

Typeface: The preferred typeface is Times New Roman, with 12-point font size

Line spacing: Double space between all text lines of the essay. Double space after every line in the title, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and figure captions.

Margins: Leave uniform margins of at least 1 inch at the top, bottom, left and right of every page.

Alignment: Do not justify lines; that is, adjust spacing between words to make all lines the same length. Instead, use the flush-left style, and leave the right margin uneven, or ragged.

Paragraphs: Indent the first line of every paragraph and the first line of every footnote. For consistency, use the tab key, which should be set at five to seven spaces, or 1/2 inch.

Order of Essay: (Page 1) "Title" which contains the title of the essay, running head, author byline and current institution. (Page 2 and beyond) is the body of the 250 – 500-word essay.

Grant applications should be placed in an envelope marked **CJCEAP – CONFIDENTIAL** and mailed (postmarked) no later than Saturday, **October 29th, 2022**, to:

Fredericksburg Council #4034  
ATTN: CJCEAP Scholarship Grants  
Post Office Box 146  
Fredericksburg, VA 22404

The information provided by the family will be reviewed by a Council committee to determine the eligibility of the student. **All information provided will be held in strict confidence.**

All families submitting grant requests will be notified by mail whether their grant request submissions were approved by November 18th, 2022.

Scholarship grants awarded under this program are paid directly to the school of attendance.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Stoecker, PGK  
Scholarship Director  
Knights of Columbus Council 4034

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**Fredericksburg, Virginia 22404**

**Scholarship Application**

This application must be completed in detail and be postmarked on or before **October 29th, 2022**. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Please read carefully and make sure this application has all requested signatures. You may attach additional pages if necessary.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

1. Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)
2. Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or Rural Rt. & Box #) (City) (Zip)
3. Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) (County) (State)
4. Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name of Parish: \_\_\_\_\_
6. School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or Rural Rt. & Box #) (City) (Zip)
7. School activities, honors, club memberships, offices held, or other organizations (attach additional pages if necessary):  
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8. List the leadership positions held by the student:  
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9. List the student's parish and school extracurricular activities:  
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10. The parent(s) involvement with St. Mary's. What capacity and how often?

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11. Circumstances leading to family's financial need (use back of form if more space is needed):

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12. Any additional information you deem appropriate for consideration:

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FAMILY INFORMATION:

1. Name of parent or guardian:

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2. Address of parent or guardian (if different than above):

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(Street or Rural Rt. & Box #) (City) (Zip)

In addition to the above information, please provide the following documentation:

1. Transcripts: Submit one official (sealed) copy of your transcript still sealed in the original envelope.
2. Letters of Recommendation: Letters of recommendation are optional but an application with them will be weighted. Only one recommendation may be from a family member.
3. Proof that the family meets the school's criteria for financial aid (a copy of the current school year FACTS certification), **NOT** your financial information.
4. Application: Submit one completed copy (original) of the essay, any letters of recommendation, sealed transcript, FACTS certification, and completed application. Please do not mail these components separately.

5. To be eligible for consideration, ALL requested documents MUST be included in your package and all guidelines MUST be met. Please submit only requested documents postmarked on or before **October 29th, 2022.**

**SIGNATURES** (required to process application)

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_