2016-17 St. John's Council Scholarship Program

The St. John's Council Scholarship Program is meant to provide the opportunity for the children and grandchildren of members in good standing. Depending on the funds available in the Council scholarship fund, awards may be provided to:
- elementary school graduate(s) accepted by a Catholic high school (for freshman year only)
- high school graduate(s) accepted by a college/university (for freshman year only)

Scholarships:
The amount and number of awards will be determined by the Scholarship Committee, depending on funds available in the Council scholarship fund.

Eligibility Requirements:
A) Applicants must have a father or grandfather as a member in good standing with the Council **for at least one year prior to date of application**. If the member is deceased, applicants remain eligible.
B) Applicants must be accepted by a Catholic high school or a full-time college/university 4-year degree program.
C) Applicants must have a 'B' average or GPA of 3.0 or higher. A copy of a certified transcript of cumulative grades, up to an including the current year, *must* be included with the application to qualify.

Award Procedure:
A) All applications, including necessary attachments, transcripts, essays, etc. submitted via US mail to the address indicated below. The COMPLETE applications must be postmarked no later than the due date.
   a. **COMPLETE** Application packages must be postmarked no later than **April 30th**. Applications postmarked after April 30th will not be accepted.
   b. Completed applications and transcripts are to be sent via US Mail to Dr. Geoffrey J. Sadock, 67 West Shore Avenue, Dumont, NJ 07628
B) All applications will be copied and supplied to all members of the scholarship committee.
C) Based on the number of applications and the funds available, the scholarship committee will determine how many scholarships will be awarded.
D) All applicants will be reviewed and scored by each committee member on the provided scoresheet according to the following rubric:
   a. **Community Service:** Rate the application (0-30 points) on the basis of the applicant's involvement in various civic, Roman Catholic, and charitable organizations.
   b. **Academic:** Rate the application (0-30 points) on the basis of the applicant's student performance as demonstrated by the transcripts submitted.   Factors to

include in consideration are difficulty of subject matter, honors or advanced college level courses, and course load.

     c. **<u>Essay:</u>** Rate the essay portion of the application (0-30 points) based on coherency, grammar, content, and diversity.

     d. **<u>Sponsor Service:</u>** Rate the application (0-10 points) on the basis of the sponsoring member's level of participation in the Knights of Columbus mission in general and service to the St. John's Council Specifically.

E) All score sheets will be submitted to the Grand Knight or his designee for tallying. An average score, calculated by totaling the number of points awarded, and divided by the number of judges, will be determined for each applicant.

     a. If a member of the Committee has knowledge of a conflict of interest with an applicant, the member must notify the Committee and recuse himself. That applicant's average score will be calculated accordingly utilizing the number of judges actually reviewing.

<u>Scholarship Notification and Presentation:</u>

Scholarship winners will be notified by telephone by the Grand Knight or his designee on or about June 1st. The award of scholarships will take place at a Council meeting or other special event in June.

St. John's Council Scholarship Program 2016-17 Application

Applicant Information

Applicant Name: _____ Current Grade:_____

Address: _____.

City, State, Zip code_____

Phone: _____. Birth Date:_____

Email Address:_____

Current School Information

GPA (Cumulative):_____. Name of Current School_____

- **ATTACH** Certified School Transcript

Signature of School Official:_____

Requirements
Service Activities (check all that apply):   [ ] Community   [ ] Church   [ ] Other

- **ATTACH** a list of all service activities and an explanation of each on a separate page.

Essay. Provide an essay (250 word minimum) describing what the scholarship will do to support your future academic and professional development.

- **ATTACH** required essay on a separate page

Accepted School Information
[ ] Accepted. Name of High School/ College/University:_____.

Address:_____

Tuition and Fees (per year):_____.

Signature of Applicant:_____

Sponsor Information.

Sponsor Name:_____. Relationship:_____

Membership Number:_____

Send completed application and <u>ALL ATTACHMENTS</u> via US Mail to: Scholarship, Dr. Geoffrey J. Sadock, 67 West Shore Avenue, Dumont, NJ 07628. Applications must be *postmarked* by April 30th. Applications postmarked after April 30th, or any incomplete applications, will be rejected.

St. John's Council #1345 Scholarship Rubric 2016-17

Rate each of the applications in each category using the scale indicated according to the rubric described below. Total score is the sum of each category. Maximum score is 100.

Application	Community Service (0-30)	Academic (0-30)	Essay (0-30)	Sponsor Service (0-10)	Total Score

Rubric:

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Academic: Rate the application (0-30) on the basis of the applicant's student performance as demonstrated by the transcripts submitted.   Factors to include in consideration are difficulty of subject matter, honors or advanced college level courses, and course load.

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Sponsor Service: Rate the application (0-10) on the basis of the sponsoring member's level of participation in the Knights of Columbus mission in general and service to the St. John's Council Specifically.

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Judge Name   Sign Name   Date