

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Council #601 of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to offer this \$1000 scholarship to a young Catholic man who is graduating from high school and a member of the Salina Catholic Community.

The Knights of Columbus was founded on March 29, 1882 as a fraternal benefit Society. The Knights of Columbus was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled, and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief, and public relief works. The Knights of Columbus has grown from a few members in 1 council, to more than 13,000 councils and 1.9 million members throughout the United States and around the world. The order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity, patriotism, and fraternity.

As part of the educational opportunities that the Knights of Columbus offer, the local Council #601 has set up a scholarship fund for one \$1000 scholarship to be awarded annually. Below is the criteria for this Knights of Columbus Senior Scholarship:

- Applicants must be a Catholic male
- Applicants must be graduating from high school
- Applicants must be a registered member of one of the Salina Catholic Churches (Sacred Heart Cathedral, St. Mary's, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Joseph, Brookville)
- Applicants must be enrolled in a post-secondary institution which includes: University, Community College, or Vocational Technical School
- The scholarship funds will be presented to the recipient after a letter of confirmation from the institution attending is presented to the Grand Knight of Council #601

The scholarship will be awarded in May 2026. If you meet these criteria and would like to apply for the Knights of Columbus Senior Scholarship, please see your counselor for the application forms, then email your application to Grand Knight Chris Thompson at meadandsun@gmail.com. **All application forms must be completed and returned by March 31, 2026.** (If your counselor is unable to provide you with the forms, please email me at the above email address and I will provide you with an electronic copy.)

Sincerely,

Chris Thompson,
Grand Knight Council 601

“Where there is a need, there is a Knight.”