

Knights of Columbus Scholarships



The Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council offers high school seniors who are parishioners at St. John Neumann Church, an opportunity to apply for a Joseph F. Labuta scholarship.



Criteria:

Basic qualifications:

- A high school senior accepted to college in the fall.
- A St. John Neumann Church parishioner (except in the case of children of Knights of Columbus members who are parishioners elsewhere).
- A Practicing Catholic – i.e., must attend mass and the sacraments regularly.

The St. John Neumann Parishioner Pastor will determine whether or not a student meets that requirement.

- In the event the student does not attend mass at St. John Neumann Church, i.e., in the case of a student in a boarding high school, or the child of a Knight who is not a St. John Neumann Church parishioner, the student's local pastor will have to attest to the student's participation at mass and the sacraments.

Additional consideration will be given to students based upon:

- Academic achievement (must supply copy of Junior year final report card or report from school showing class rank & GPA and any advanced placement coursework completed);
- Active in parish organizations or ministries;
- Active in community volunteer groups;
- Active in extracurricular school activities;
- Financial need

Essay Required:

- The student will be required to submit a simple 200-300 word essay on (a) *What the student's Catholic faith means to him/her*, and (b) *how the applicant plans to continue to practice his/her faith in college.*
- The student will have the option to describe his/her financial needs or other circumstances for consideration.

Application:

1. All applications must be submitted using the **Joseph F. Labuta Scholarship Application Form**. The form is available from the St. Joseph Council website www.kofc10627.org/council-scholarships.html
2. Applicants must submit their application and essay to Knights of Columbus, 59 Main St., High Bridge, NJ 08829 no later than May 1.

The amounts and numbers of the individual scholarships to be awarded will not be publicized in advance and will depend upon the number of successful applicants.



Joseph F. Labuta Scholarship Application Form

Please complete ALL information.
Use an additional page, if necessary.



Your Name: _____ Date of Application: ____/____/____

Your Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____ Parent's E-Mail address: _____@_____

Your High School's Name: _____

I am a Practicing Catholic and a parishioner of:

- St. John Neumann Church, Califon, New Jersey _____
- Another parish (Only sons or daughters of members of St. Joseph Council Knights of Columbus who are not St. John Neumann Parishioners qualify for a scholarship)

Other Parish Name: _____

Address: _____

Important: If you practice your Faith at a church other than St. John Neumann Church, you must submit a simple statement from the Pastor of that church attesting that you participate at mass and the sacraments at that church. **Please attach that to your application.**

I am active in the following parish organizations/ministries:

I am active in the following community volunteer groups:

I am active in the following extracurricular school activities:

Essay: Please prepare a 200-300 word essay describing:

- What your Catholic faith means to you, and**
- How you plan to continue to practice your faith in college.**

(Type or print the essay and attach it to this Application Form.)

College I plan to attend: _____ **Major (if known)** _____

Other Consideration: Please describe your financial need or other information that will assist the selection committee in making a determination about your application. All information provided will be considered private.

Submit completed application with a copy of your junior year final report card or a report from your school showing class rank & GPA and any advanced placement coursework completed to Knights of Columbus, 59 Main St., High Bridge, NJ 08829. If you practice your Faith at another church, include a letter attesting to that with your application.

- Important –**
- **Incomplete applications will be rejected.**
 - **All submissions must be received before May 1.**