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**St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Church
Knights of Columbus Council 10420
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

The Knights of Columbus Council 10420 is pleased to offer four scholarships to deserving incoming college, community college, or trade school freshmen students for the 2026-2027 academic year.

- One "Albert and Sharon Ciuksza Memorial Scholarship" in the amount of \$2,500**
- Greg and Terri Konrardy sponsorship scholarship in the amount of \$2,500**
- One Knights of Columbus Scholarships in the amount of \$2,500**
- One "David Gutierrez Memorial Scholarship" in the amount of \$1,200 ***
- One "Rudy Morales Memorial Scholarship" in the amount of \$1,000**

Application deadline is Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

The Knights of Columbus has a special commitment to preparing Catholic students for ethical leadership. We expect that our scholarship recipients will use their education to assume leadership roles within their community and workplace and prepare themselves for becoming faith-inspired Catholic leaders for life.

Applicants should be able to meet the qualifications below:

1. Attending a certified trade school (Southwest University, Western Tech, Pima, etc.), OR, be an incoming college freshmen at a two or four-year institution of higher learning.
2. Live within the boundaries of St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Parish, OR, be a member of St. Stephen church, OR, served as a Catechist, OR, attend regularly with a family member of the church, OR, be directly related (child/grandchild, nephew/niece) to a Knight of council 10420.

Scholarships will be awarded to the highest scoring applicants, as judged by a panel of three judges including Mr. Ciuksza, and two other independent judges selected from academia or the business community. All personal identifying information will be redacted on applications delivered to the judges for judging. **This is a merit based scholarship. Applicants will be judged on academics, community service, extracurricular activities, and the essay. The essay will count for 50% of your score. There are no income or need considerations. *STEM majors will receive a "bonus point" for this scholarship.**

1. NAME _____
Last First Middle

2. ADDRESS _____

3. DATE OF BIRTH _____ SEX M F

4. HOME PHONE _____ CELL _____ EMAIL _____

5. PARENT(S) NAME _____

6. NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED _____ GPA _____

DATE OF GRADUATION _____

7. COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OR SCHOOL YOU WILL ATTEND IN 2026-2027
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8. RESUME (INCLUDING EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL, CHURCH, OR OTHER COMMUNITY GROUP PARTICIPATION). **ATTACH RESUME TO THIS APPLICATION FORM.**

9. ESSAY (Please answer the following question and limit your response to 500-750 words): **ATTACH THE ESSAY TO THIS APPLICATION FORM OR FILL IN SPACE PROVIDED.**

As you prepare for your transition to college, how has your Catholic faith prepared you to pursue your educational and professional goals in this challenging environment?

10. LIST ANY SPECIAL RECOGNITION OR AWARDS YOU HAVE RECEIVED DURING HIGH SCHOOL AND THE YEAR RECEIVED.

11. **Please attach a copy of your unofficial high school transcript.** Attach copies of any awards, letters of achievement or recognition. All documents will be reviewed and may be taken into consideration for this scholarship. NO LATE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED!.

I have read the application and have provided all the requested information

Signature _____ Date _____

Recipients will be notified on or about June 15, 2026, depending on completion of judging. Scholarship proceeds will be mailed directly to the registrar of the attending institution. Send completed applications by mail, email, or delivered to the office by **May 26, 2026.**

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