**Council 11690 Knights of Columbus Scholarship Guidelines**

**Purpose**

* The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial support for a current St. Mary’s Parishioner pursuing post-secondary education.

**Awards**

* One **$1,000.00** scholarship will be awarded annually in the **Summer.** This award will be given based on the applicant’s amount of and quality of volunteer efforts in the Parish and Community.

**Eligibility**

* Must be a current parishioner of St. Mary’s Parish in Norton.

The candidate must be pursuing a degree at any level of higher education, and be enrolled in an accredited community college, college, university, professional or technical school.

**Application Procedure**

* Complete and sign application.

Prepare a short, typed essay (**250 words,** **not to exceed one page double spaced**), and provide an explanation of accomplishments relating to any of the following categories: youth, community, church, family and school, involving your role in volunteerism in the St. Mary’s Parish and our community. Please explain in detail any and all involvement.

Please provide at least two references or referrals to substantiate your involvement.

**Applications will be available until May 15, 2025**.

All applications must be postmarked and mailed to St. Mary’s Parish Center, no later than **May 31st, 2025** in order to be considered.

**Award Selection**

* All essays will be read independently by a committee established by the St. Mary’s Knights of Columbus and based on the total involvement in our Parish and Community.

The recipient will be notified by June 30th, 2025, for enrollment into the Fall semester.

The scholarship check will be issued directly in the name of the student and the institution.

Should the Scholarship recipient choose not to pursue their education in the Fall of 2025, the Scholarship funds will be returned entire to Council 11690.