



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MSGR. J.M. HANSON COUNCIL 5038

The Knights of Columbus Foundation Committee is excited to announce there will be **TWO \$500 Scholarships** awarded to the winners of the Council short essay competition.

Competition is open to 2026 graduating high school seniors who meet the following criteria:

1. Each applicant must be a practicing, practical Catholic.
2. Each applicant must be a legal dependent of a Council 5038 Brother Knight in good standing, living or deceased.

To apply, eligible applicants must complete and submit a self-written, two-part application. There are no forms to fill out. Submit Part 1 on a separate page from Part 2. Part 1 will **not** be viewed by the panel of judges until after a winner is determined, assuring anonymity.

Part 1

- † Full Name.
- † Name of Council 5038 Brother Knight in good standing. Include family relationship to you (Father, grandfather, great-grandfather or legal guardian).
- † Contact Information (Mailing Address, Email Address, and Phone Numbers).
- † Copy of College/University Status of Acceptance and/or Planned Attendance.

Part 2

Part 2 will contain three short essays by the applicant. Each will contain 300 words or less. **Do not** include applicant name in Part 2. The applicant will write about each of the following essay topics:

- † “The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in Today’s Society.”
- † One or more of your accomplishments in helping your Catholic parish.
- † One or more of your accomplishments in helping your community.

A panel of 6-8 judges will evaluate Part 2. Judging is scored on a point system and will be based on the **quality**, not quantity of each essay component. All three topics will be equally weighted to determine the winners. Proper grammar and spelling are important components. The ability to accurately follow these instructions is paramount. The two highest scorers will each receive a check for \$500.00.

The completed application must be emailed or postmarked no later than **Tuesday March 31, 2026** to:

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