



THE PATERSON FEDERATION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCILS

2026 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Section I – Student Information

Student Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent's Telephone No.: _____

Parish: _____ (applicant must be a member of a parish in the Paterson Diocese)

I certify that the above student is a parishioner in good standing:

Pastor's Signature: _____

Section II – Academic Achievement

Grammar or Middle School: _____

Address: _____

To be supplied by the school (this is mandatory):

- I. Numerical grade average for prior seven (7) marking periods: _____
- II. Grade transcript for the past seven (7) marking periods.
- III. Standardized test average for:
 - Math _____
 - Reading _____ (National Percentiles)

Signature of Principal or Guidance Counsellor Supplying the Above Information

Print Name

Date

Section III - High School Choice:

_____.

Address: _____

Section IV - Community Service

Please provide details of church/community services performed in the past five years. These details must be typed on a separate sheet of paper.

Section V – Essay

Please submit an. essay between 200-250 words (typed, double-spaced) discussing "***Why I want to attend a Catholic high school.***"

On my honor I certify that I am the sole author of the essay "Why I want to attend a Catholic high school."

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sponsoring Council's Name: _____ Number: _____ (must be a council in the Paterson Diocese)

Grand Knight's Signature: _____

Information and Instructions

The applicant for this scholarship must:

- Have maintained at least a 90% average during the prior seven (7) marking periods when the application is submitted for consideration (that is the four marking periods during the seventh grade and three during the eighth grade);
- Have scored in the 90 percentile in math and reading on the latest standardized test (i.e., Terra Nova, **seventh or eighth** grade scores) prior to the filing of the application;
- Submit an essay between 200-250 words (typed, double-spaced) discussing "**Why I want to attend a Catholic High School.**"
- List the various voluntary services performing and/or participating at the church or local community
- Secure the Parish Pastor's signature and the sponsoring Knights of Columbus council name/number and the Grand Knight's signature. Both the Parish and Council must be located in the Paterson Diocese.

The scholarship is a four-year annually paid award (\$2,000 per year). Candidates are selected based on academic achievement and is available only to practicing Catholic students graduating from an elementary or middle school (public, private, or parochial) who will be attending a Catholic High School (of their choice) in September. All awards will be sent to the high school of choice in the student's name. The recipient must maintain an 85% average in high school and must remain at the same high school during the four years.

All signatures requested on the application **MUST** be included for the application to be considered. Additionally, it is strongly suggested that letters of recommendation from the applicant's principal and pastor be obtained and submitted along with the application.

The application and supporting material must be **postmarked no later than May 15, 2026** for scholarship consideration. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

These items must be mailed via first class mail. No certified mail or email please.

Please send to:

Federation High School Scholarship
c/o Michael Spiecker
8 Jessica Lane
Succasunna, NJ 07876

Questions: mpspiecker@gmail.com