

**Knights of Columbus  
AU LAC COUNCIL, No. 10724  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

**Program Purpose:**

For the purpose of encouraging the youths of Immaculate Conception Parish to continue their education through a Catholic High School, a scholarship (currently set at \$500 each) will be awarded to a male and female eighth grade student from within the Parish by the Knights of Columbus of this Parish. These scholarships shall be awarded and applied to the 9th Grade Catholic High School tuition of the winning applicants.

**Program Rules:**

1. To be eligible:
  - a) an applicant must be currently a student in the 8th Grade, and complete such on schedule;
  - b) an applicant must be a child of a currently registered and active member of Immaculate Conception Parish;
  - c) an applicant must be attending either Immaculate Conception School or Faith Formation classes;
  - d) an applicant must attend a Catholic High School directly after completing the eighth grade.
2. Each applicant must submit a completed application form and essay.
3. Each applicant must submit an essay of 300-500 words on the topic **"Why a Catholic High School Education Is Important to Me"** The essay may be typed or handwritten, but without the applicant's name on the essay itself, and must address the topic.
4. The essays will be reviewed by the Knights of Columbus, and evaluated on form, content, grammar, and clarity of thought. The essays will be ranked accordingly, and the winning male and female essayist will then be announced to the Parish.
5. The Scholarship money will be paid directly to the Catholic High School tuition account(s) of the winner(s) in the Fall of the school year. If a scholarship is initially awarded but unable to be used (such as the winner not attending a Catholic High School), it shall then be awarded to the next-ranked applicant.
6. Applications may be obtained from the Principal's Office at Immaculate Conception; completed applications and essays must be submitted to:

Knights of Columbus, #10274,  
Essay Committee  
9764 Dixie Highway  
Ira Township, MI 48023

**and**

received on or before Wednesday, May 18, 2016