



**The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar Minnesota
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**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR SIR KNIGHTS AND THEIR MASONIC FAMILY
Call for 2022 Scholarship Application!**

All Sir Knights, their families, youth involved in DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, Rainbow Girls and Brothers and Sisters in the Minnesota Masonic jurisdiction are illegible to apply for this year's scholarship. Grand Commandery of Minnesota is conducting this program to provide scholarships to students pursuing post-secondary education. Below you will find our stated charter and the policies and procedures for the 2022 scholarship program.

Charter

The Education Committee of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota exists to further the educational goals of Sir Knights and our Masonic family. The funds for this work are held in trust to provide Scholarships to our Sir Knights and Masonic family within the jurisdiction of Minnesota to follow their goals for continuing education. This continuing education is not limited to four-year institutions, but also community colleges and other trade institutions. An education which allows our members and their families to improve themselves and their community is one simple way that they can help contribute to our communities, our families and ourselves. The officers of this Grand Commandery accept applications for Scholarship Funds each year and will award funds each year to worthy recipients to aid in recognizing their aspirations to attend institutions of higher learning.

Procedures

- Applications will be accepted for Knight Templar Scholarships between March 1st and April 15th, 2022.
- Candidates must be graduating high school seniors, high school graduates, or have received their G.E.D., and accepted to one of the following post-secondary institutions:
 - Four-year accredited college, pursuing an undergraduate degree
 - Two-year community college, pursuing a professional certificate
 - Recognized technical or vocational program / institution
 - Religious or ministerial training program.
- Applications will be submitted to the Education Committee and will include the following documentation and materials:
 - A completed application documents

- An essay of no more than 1,000 words submitted based on the topic that each year's committee has decided upon
- Two (2) letters of recommendation. The letters may be from any person who can comment on the applicant's academics, character, civic or patriotic activities, job history and activities, or community involvement.
- An official school transcript, or facsimile of a G.E.D., sealed in an envelope, with the signature of a school official across the sealed flap of the envelope. A required minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale is required.
- Awards, consisting of no less than \$500.00 each shall be given each year, up to the maximum amount proscribed by Minnesota Masonic Charities (MMC) (currently \$3,000.00) This allows for matching funds to be used to give out scholarships of a minimum of \$1,000.00.
- Applications shall be judged on the following criteria each year:
 - 50% - Educational considerations, GPA, school activities, extracurricular activities
 - 20% - Essay composition
 - 20% - Recommendations
 - 10% - Application scoring (answers to questions).
- The topic for the 2022 applicant essay – **How has your Masonic affiliation changed you, your family and community?**

As stated above, this information plus the application form is available on the Grand Commandery website. (www.mnyorkrite.org/resources2.)

Send applications and all supporting information to:

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If you have questions, please call or text me at 507-626-0301 or email me at pamp@westtechwb.com.

Courteously,

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