



Knights of Columbus

ELKINS COUNCIL, No. 603

51 Grey Deer Drive

Elkins, West Virginia 26241

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 603 FATHER MARK T. GALLIPEAU SCHOLARSHIP

The Elkins Council 603 of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce the 2024 Father Mark T. Gallipeau High School scholarship. The scholarship was established through the vision of the Elkins Council of the Knights of Columbus. The Elkins Council 603 is offering one (1) scholarship to an active Catholic High School senior. Applications are open to all active members of the Holy Rosary, Saint Patrick's of Coalton, or Saint Brendan's parish. One (1) \$2000.00 scholarship will be awarded (divided into 4 \$500.00 payments over four years as long as the student is enrolled in a full-time program). The Father Mark T. Gallipeau Memorial Scholarship is intended to recognize a Catholic student High School senior who has demonstrated commitment to their school, church, community and exhibited academic achievement. The available scholarship is as follows:

- \$2000.00 for the **Father Mark T. Gallipeau Memorial Scholarship** is open to all active members of the Holy Rosary, Saint Patrick's of Coalton, or Saint Brendan's parish that are seniors in High School, with preference given to the children and grandchildren of members of Council 603 **Exclusively for incoming freshmen who will be enrolled full-time in an accredited four year, two year, or technical program in the United States.**

Applications can be downloaded at: <http://stbrendanwv.weebly.com/>

DEADLINE: April 5, 2024



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Eligibility: Any graduating High School senior who is a member in good standing of the Holy Rosary Parish, Saint Patrick's Parish of Coalton or Saint Brendan's parish and who has been accepted by an accredited four year, two year, or technical program as a full-time student, shall be eligible to apply for a scholarship given by Knights of Columbus Council 603.

Objective: To assist students, graduating from High School, with their expenses during their first years of continuing education enrolled full-time in an accredited four-year, two year, or technical program in the United States.

Theme: Fr. Mark T. Gallipeau – Priest, Pastor, Chaplain, and Friend

Father Mark graduated from Franciscan University in Steubenville and attended St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 3, 2006, by Bishop Michael J. Bransfield at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling. As his first assignment after ordination, he was appointed associate pastor of St. Francis Xavier parish in Parkersburg. He served the parishes of St. John Newmann in Marlinton, St. Mark the Evangelist mission in Bartow and St. Bernard Chapel at Snowshoe. In 2013, he was reassigned to Immaculate Conception parish in Montgomery and St. Anthony mission in Boomer. In 2014, he was appointed pastor, and assumed the addition assignments of St. John parish in Belle and Good Shepherd mission in Coalburg. Fr. Mark, also, served as vocational promoter for the Diocese. In 2016, he was appointed Vicar Forane of the Weston Vicariate and the twelfth Pastor of St. Brendan's, and as pastor of St. Patrick in Coalton. Fr. Mark served as Chaplain of the Elkins Council and Friar of the Our Lady of the Mountains Assembly. He was born in Natick, Massachusetts on February 15, 1956. As an avid skier and kayaker, he loved the outdoors and the mountains of West Virginia. Fr. Mark died on April 25, 2017, the feast day of St. Mark the Evangelist, and is buried, here, at St. Brendan cemetery. He was loved by all those he met and served, and he enjoyed serving them, as he touched their hearts and souls with his gentle caring smile. The Father Mark T. Gallipeau Memorial Scholarship has been designed to remember Father's kindness and to continue to help the youth of our parishes.



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Intent: This scholarship is intended to recognize and proclaim outstanding good work, leadership, and pioneering spirit in young catholic people.

GUIDELINES: Essays must reflect the assigned theme and are the student's original work. Essays must be typed and be between 150 and 300 words in length.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Applicants for a Knights of Columbus Scholarship shall be judged on the basis of academic merit, extra-curricular activities (school, community, and Church), and completion of the essay question. The Selection Committee is made up of the five members of the Elkins Council Knights of Columbus. A maximum of one scholarship will be awarded per year. The decision of the Selection Committee is final.

Essay Question: A personal essay on the topic indicated below:

Describe how your faith has had a significant influence on your life.



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APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTATION: To be considered for a Knights of Columbus Scholarship, applicant must be a graduating High School senior who is a member in good standing of the Holy Rosary Parish in Buckhannon, Saint Patrick Parish in Coalton, or Saint Brendan Parish in Elkins:

1. Complete the prescribed application form. All questions must be answered fully.
2. Please include an official copy of your High School Transcript.
3. Include a copy of a letter of acceptance from the college, university, or technical school. If an acceptance letter is not available at the time of application, the Council must receive a copy of the letter of acceptance before making an award. (All awards will be sent directly to an accredited college or university). Used toward tuition, room and board, fees, and books.
4. Two letters of recommendation; one from your Parish Priest or Deacon, and a teacher in your school.
5. Deliver all documentation to the Committee at 51 Grey Deer Dr. Elkins WV. 26241 no later than the announced date for application. Please remit one (1) original and five (5) copies to the Committee. **Any application received after the deadline date will not be considered.** All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus and will not be returned.

Submission of Application: Please follow these instructions to ensure your application is considered:

1. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE THE INFORMATION IN THIS APPLICATION IN **BLACK INK**.
2. USE ADDITIONAL PAPER IF NECESSARY AND CITE APPLICATION SECTION NUMBER
3. SIGN PAGE 2
4. PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS BY THE DEADLINE TO: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 51 GREY DEER DRIVE ELKINS, WEST VIRGINIA 26241

Scholarship Awards: The Scholarship money will be paid in the fall of the academic school year. If a scholarship is initially awarded but unable to be used in their first year (such as the winner not attending or not meeting full time enrollment status) it shall then be awarded to the next-ranked applicant. **WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024**, Application Deadline: **April 5, 2024**.



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Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Graduation Date: _____ GPA: _____ Grade Level: _____

What is your area of academic interest _____

Enrollment Status for Fall Semester: Full time student (yes or no)

Have you been accepted? _____ List College Name: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

FATHER'S NAME _____ LIVING (yes or no)

Church affiliation: _____

IS FATHER A MEMBER OF Council 603? (yes or no) IF YES, COUNCIL ID NO. _____

MOTHER'S NAME _____ LIVING (yes or no)

FAITH BASED/PARISH ACTIVITIES (Attach a separate sheet, if needed) In this section, describe social or other types of activities that you participated in during your high school years involving any faith-based activity. Identify the activity (for example: if a volunteer, list any specific projects or activities that you might have led or directed, etc.).



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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (Attach a separate sheet, if needed) In this section, describe social or other types of activities that you participated in during your high school years for your community. Identify the activity (list any formal offices that you might have held in relation to this activity, any specific projects, or activities that you might have led or directed, etc.).

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (Attach a separate sheet, if needed) In this section, describe academic, social, athletic, and service activities that you participated in during your high school years. Identify the activity (e.g., Language Club, Band, School Paper, Yearbook, etc.). Identify any formal office that you may have held in relation to these activities, any specific projects, or activities that you led or directed, while a member or officer, etc.).

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE (Attach a separate sheet, if needed) In this section, describe any work/employment experience you have had during your high school years. This would be different than any volunteering you may have already documented in the community or parish activity sections. Please include job, employer, and dates.

Essay Question: A personal essay on the topic indicated below: (Between 150 and 300 words)

Describe how your faith has had a significant influence on your life. Please type on a separate sheet of paper and remit as part of this application. (Include name on essay)

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____



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