



**Knights of Columbus Council #7467 and Italian Catholic Federation Branch #432  
Immaculate Heart of Mary 2026 Scholarship**

To Whom It May Concern

Since 2015, Council # 7467 of the Knights of Columbus and Branch #432 Italian Catholic Federation of Immaculate Heart of Mary has sponsored a scholarship for current college students. The minimum amount of the award is two thousand dollars. Eligible candidates for consideration must complete and submit the following information.

**Selection Procedure:** Knights of Columbus Council #7467 and Italian Catholic Federation Branch #432 will screen and review each application and select candidates based on the evaluation of all the following information:

- Completed Application Form
- Copy of Parish Registration
- Copy of Latest College Transcript
- Typed Essay
- Letter(s) of Recommendation

**Method of Payment:** Payment will be made after the selected applicants have provided proof of official enrollment from the college or university to the contact person (listed below).

**Award(s) will be presented by the Officers of:** Knights of Columbus Council #7467 and Italian Catholic Federation Branch #432

**Contact Person:** Dcn John Kortuem (KoC) or Linda Kortuem (ICF) **E-Mail:** [jolin1040@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jolin1040@sbcglobal.net)

**Subject:** Immaculate Heart of Mary Scholarship 2025

**Award(s):** These awards are open to current college students who are parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary. Applications will be judged on the basis of academic excellence, membership in and service to the Catholic community, personal qualifications including values and beliefs consistent with each sponsoring group as evaluated by the committees of the Knights of Columbus Council #7467 and Italian Catholic Federation Branch #432.

The applicant must be attending an accredited college or university. **Award funds may be used for tuition or other college expenses.** The winner will be required to provide written notification of the class enrollment by October 31, 2026.

**Payments** will be made directly to the family for use as needed to pay the accredited college expenses.

**Forfeiture:** If no winner is chosen for a scholarship and /or applicant does not fulfill requirements within the allotted timeframe, and/or if the winner does not reflect the values of the Catholic community and principles of the Knights of Columbus and/or Italian Catholic Federation the funds may be withheld by the awarding group.

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### **APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS**

Students who would like to be considered for this scholarship must be able to meet and provide the following requirements.

1. Complete Application Forms
2. Copy of Parish Registration Form (Parish office can assist)
3. Completed essay (250 words minimum to 500 words maximum)
4. Copy of latest college transcript.
5. Reference form (letters of recommendation) completed from one or both of the following categories (All reference forms are to be signed and submitted in sealed envelopes)
  - a. Church Official or Ministry Leader (Mandatory)
  - b. Supervisor/Teacher/Employer (Optional)
6. Applicants will place all documentation in a legal sized envelope and address as follows:

- a. Return address:

**Last Name, First Name  
Name of School  
Home Address**

- b. Mailing address:

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- c. All envelopes are to be post marked by April 15, 2026.
  - d. Winners will be notified by **May 30, 2026** by a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #7467 and Italian Catholic Federation Branch #432 either by email, phone call, or mail.

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**APPLICATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

College Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Father Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

I intend to major in: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief explanation of major \_\_\_\_\_

I intend to minor in: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief explanation of minor \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant

Date



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**ESSAY FORM:** Applicants are to type their essay. Essay should contain: (250 words minimum to 500 words maximum, doubled space, size 12 fonts)

On June 14, 2025, Pope Leo XIV, spoke to the youth of Chicago in a special mass at White Sox Stadium called on the youth to be:

“A Beacon of Hope to their world.”

How do you see this challenge affecting you as you move forward in school and life?



### **Guidelines for Letters of Recommendations**

**Students are to submit one or more letters of Recommendation from each of the following sources in an officially sealed envelope:**

- Church or Ministry Official of Immaculate Heart of Mary or attending parish (mandatory)
- Supervisor/ Employer or Teacher whom the applicant has worked (optional)

**Letters of recommendations should address the following**

- What is your considered recommendation to this body concerning this applicant?
- Is there any information you feel the committee should know or consider?

**Letters of recommendations should include insight and examples of the following:**

- Self Direction and Self Discipline:
- Work Habits
- Involvement

**All letters should be placed in a sealed envelope and returned to the student for submission.**

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### **STUDENT CHECKLIST**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit all documents in the following order.

1.  Application Form (**page 3**)
2.  Essay (250 words minimum to 500 words maximum) (**page 4**)
3.  Copy of Parish Registration
4.  Letter from Church Official or Ministry Leader (Mandatory)
5.  Letter from Supervisor/Teacher/Employer (Optional)

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