



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

To Whom It May Concern

Since 2007, Council # 7467 of the Knights of Columbus and Branch #432 Italian Catholic Federation of Immaculate Heart of Mary Branch has sponsored scholarships for graduating high school seniors. 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
- Official High School Transcript
- Copies of Acceptance Letters
- Submitted Typed Essay
- Letters 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 Officers of:** Knights of Columbus Council #7467 and Italian Catholic Federation Branch #432

**Contact Person:** Dcn John Kortuem (KofC) 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 High School Seniors who are parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary and are entering the first year of college. 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 applying to an accredited college or university or trade school. **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. Must complete Application Forms
2. Copy of Parish Registration Form (Parish office can assist)
3. Official high school transcript from accredited school in a **sealed** envelope
4. Copy of official acceptance letter(s) from accredited college or university.
5. Completed essay (250 words minimum to 500 words maximum)
6. Must be graduating from an accredited secondary school.
7. Reference form completed from (a) and one from either (b) or (c) below. (All reference forms are to be signed and submitted in sealed envelopes)
  - a. Church Official or Ministry Leader (Mandatory)
  - b. School Administrator or Counselor or
  - c. Supervisor/Teacher/Employer
8. 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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Brentwood, California. 94513**
  - 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 \_\_\_\_\_

School 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

All documentation **MUST** be received at the same time and by the Post Mark Date on page 2.  
Failure to submit all documents will result in disqualification of the application.



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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 a letter of Recommendation from each of the following sources (2 letters).  
Letters are to be in an officially sealed envelope:**

- Administrator, Counselor or Teacher of your high school
- Church or Ministry Official of Immaculate Heart of Mary

**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 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 maximum) (**page 4**)
3.  Copy of Parish Registration
4.  Official Transcript (sealed)
5.  College or University (letter(s) of acceptance)
6.  Letter from School Administrator, Counselor or teacher
7.  Letter from Church Official or Ministry Leader

Applicants will place all documentation in a legal size envelope and address as follows

a. Return address

**Last Name, First Name  
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Home Address**

b. Mailing address

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c. All envelopes are to be post marked by **April 15th, 2026**

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