



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**GOD'S DIVINE MERCY
COUNCIL # 1 4463**

YORKVILLE, IL 60560

Annual Billy Mahaney Memorial Scholarship

As a charitable organization, the Knights of Columbus pride themselves on helping those in various situations of need.

We constantly look for ways, that as Catholic gentlemen, we may put into practice the Gospel message of Christ to love our neighbors as ourselves. Billy Mahaney, a young gentleman and son of one of our Knights, who was anticipating the opportunity to become a Knight himself, died suddenly at the age of seventeen. After his death, stories poured in from fellow classmates expounding upon his generosity and charitable activities with fellow classmates. Because Billy lived the lifestyle professed by all Knights, we have created this scholarship in his memory as a tribute to him and the person he was.

Vivat Jesus!

Grand Knight

David A. Nemmers



2021 Billy Mahaney Memorial Scholarship Application

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Billy Mahaney Memorial Scholarship from the Knights of Columbus. Included with this application are the criteria for eligibility, essay instructions and selection process. Applicants should submit a letter of recommendation (optional) from a non-family member. (Just one, please).

Please complete the application form with essays, (no scanned images, please use Word, PDF, RTF etc) and email to Scholarship@kofcyorkville.org or mail to Knights of Columbus 210 Country Lane Yorkville, IL 60560.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address _____ City _____ State __ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Are you a practicing Catholic? _____ Confirmation Date _____

Parish: _____

Parents

Names: _____

High School: _____

GPA though 7th Semester: _____ Graduation Year: _____

School / Trade School you plan to attend in the fall:

I request the acceptance of this application and that I have completed the questionnaire truthfully and had no outside help with the essays I have submitted.

Signature: _____



Criteria for Eligibility

- Applicants must be practicing Catholics.
- Must be graduating from 12th Grade.
- Must be attending an accredited school or institution of higher education i.e.: 2 or 4-year college or trade school this fall.
- Belong to one of the following Parishes: *St. Patrick, Yorkville, IL. / St. Mary's Plano IL.*
- Must complete all applications, prepare essays on the assigned topics and should receive a letter of recommendation.
- The children of members Council #14463 are eligible to participate even if they do not belong to one of the local Parish's listed above provided they fulfill the list of criteria on this application.

Scholarship Selection Process

- A committee chosen by the scholarship chairman shall review the applications, essays, and letters of recommendation.
- The members of the committee will rank (score) the candidates according to the application, essays, and letters of recommendation.
- The scholarship chairman shall calculate the scores submitted by the judges.
- Scholarship shall be awarded using this scoring method.
- All names are removed from the application for review by the committee.

Instructions:

1. Choose **any 2 topics** (listed on the next page) and write a separate essay on each.
2. Type your essays on separate pages.
3. Clearly identify the topic of your essay, on the essay page.
4. Include these pages in your application, and page numbers on all essay pages.
5. Each essay should be approximately 500 words. Please submit your essay in double space format, 12 pt. Times New Roman or Arial typeface.



If you receive this scholarship how do you plan to use the funds?

Please describe below your hopes and goals for the future:

Please list/describe extracurricular activities (related to School/Parish/Sports)

(Choose any 2 Topics below)

Topic #1: How can an individual make a positive difference in today's world, and the future?

Topic #2: What does patriotism mean to you?

Topic #3: What is the value of Religious education and what role does it play in your daily life?

Topic #4: What is the importance of family in your life?

Topic #5: How do you think you may have helped, assisted, or aided someone in your life (i.e. a friend, brother, sister, parent, grand parent, family member, classmate, or other)?



Thank you for your interest in offering a letter of recommendation on behalf of the student applying for a Knights of Columbus Scholarship. This outline is meant to offer some insight in what we look for in our scholarship applications.

Here are some details about the Knights of Columbus scholarships:

- ≡ The Knights of Columbus Council # 14463 is awarding a scholarship of \$2,000 as the Billy Mahaney Memorial Scholarship.
- ≡ Applicants are to be graduating 12thgraders, generally from the parishes of St. Patrick's of Yorkville, IL and St. Mary's of Plano, IL. Children of Council #14463 members are also eligible, regardless of their parish.
- ≡ Applicants are to be practicing Catholics.
- ≡ ACCEPTED FILES to BE Emailed or SENT – MS WORD, PDF, RTF
- ≡ UNACCEPTED FILE TYPES – images, GIF, JPG, PNG

The Knights of Columbus are dedicated to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Family and Faith are foundational pillars of the Knights. Letters of recommendations that reflect these precepts in regard to the applicant are highly recommended. Other important considerations include the applicant's academics, character, citizenship and leadership.

You may forward your letter of recommendation in a number of ways:

1. You may send your letter of recommendation to the Scholarship Committee:
Scholarship Chairman
Knights of Columbus Council #14463
210 Country Lane
Yorkville IL. 60560
2. You may email the recommendation to:
scholarship@kofcyorkville.org

You may give your recommendation to the applicant for him/ her to include with their application.

The deadline for the completed Application Package is:

**June 26th if Emailed or
June 20th if postal mailed.**

Applicants are responsible to have the entire package submitted by that date.

Should you have any questions, please send them to: scholarship@kofcyorkville.org. Please make a reference to Knights Scholarship Question in the subject line.

Thank you for taking time to help a youth succeed in their educational desires.