

The Paterson Federation

Knights of Columbus Councils



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Dear Worthy Grand Knight:

The Paterson Federation has prepared for distribution the application for its partial scholarship for Catholic students to a Catholic high school. It is important that the students graduating from grammar school be aware of the qualifications and deadlines for submitting this application for consideration. Make as many copies as necessary when you contact the parochial and public schools in your area. Applicants need not be sons or daughters of members; they need only to be Catholics. A place on the application is reserved for the signature of their pastor.

If you wish to prepare additional material for publicity, please feel free to do so. The success of the program is contingent upon the interest of the council and the students. Spread the word that the partial scholarship is \$1,000 annually for four (4) years, which will be presented to the Catholic high school in the student's name.

Before the judges review each application, careful preparation will be made to ensure the anonymity of each applicant for utmost objectivity.

For your information, the judges of the contest are experienced educators, both members of the K of C and non-members. Much of the criteria for this scholarship is based on the objective scores in a national test which the students must take to graduate in New Jersey and the student's performance during his/her years in school. Additional material used for evaluating, however, is a short essay in which the applicant will express his/her ideas about Catholic education and a summary of volunteer work performed for the church and/or the community. This scholarship will be awarded regardless of financial need.

The success of this program is in your hands and its success will redound to your council's benefit. Please contact those principals, guidance counselors and pastors whom you deem appropriate to afford every eligible student an equal opportunity to win. The money is there for them. They need only apply; the measure of their scholarship will point to the winner.

Good luck in your efforts and thank you for your help!

Fraternally,

Leon Doty, PCK
Scholarship Committee