

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. CLARE OF ASSISI
COUNCIL 9708

2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKAGE

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ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

1. **Official high school transcript**
2. **Resume.** The résumé should contain descriptions of your education (including planned high school graduation date), ACT/SAT scores (if available), awards, work experience, volunteer work inside and outside the parish, and other extracurricular activities and interests.
3. **Two letters of recommendation**, at least one from a member of the St. Clare Parish family or K of C Council 9708

Submitted materials must be neat, and completed in black ink for reproduction purposes, i.e. no colorful résumé.

When the application form, photography consent form, and all attachments have been completed, place them in an approximately 9" x 12" envelope and drop off at (recommended) or mail to the St. Clare Parish office with "Knights of Columbus Scholarship Application" on the outside of the envelope.

If mailing transcripts or application, send to:

St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church
3131 El Dorado Blvd
Houston, TX 77059
Attn: Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Drop-off deadline (or deadline for postmark): **Friday March 27, 2026 @ 4:30 pm**

Student Guidelines

2026 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

This one application gives you consideration for all of the following scholarships for which you may be qualified:

- James & Elizabeth Witten Scholarship
- Michael Ogden Memorial Scholarship *
- Bo Ogden Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. Al Varisco “Principal’s Scholarship” **
- Knights of Columbus Scholarships

* Only for applicants planning to attend Texas A&M University

** Primarily for applicants who have attended St. Clare of Assisi Catholic School

ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES

1. Student must attend, and parent(s) or guardian be registered members of St. Clare of Assisi parish.
2. Student must be a graduating high school senior having maintained a minimum of 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent.
3. The Knights of Columbus Council 9708 Scholarship Committee will determine recipients and award amounts on a merit-basis. Multiple scholarships will be awarded in various amounts, with one highest award of \$2,500.
4. The Scholarship Committee will use the following criteria (in no particular order) as a guide in scoring applications:
 - a. Your participation/involvement in the parish and your Catholic faith
 - b. Participation in Catholic youth activities
 - c. Volunteer work for charitable organizations
 - d. Participation in community activities, school-related extra-curricular activities or employment
 - e. Leadership in any of the above activities
 - f. Academic excellence
 - g. Awards, honors, special achievements and/or recognitions received
5. Application must be submitted via the St. Clare Parish Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 20, 2026, or postmarked by this same date. Failure to provide the required

documentation (listed on the attached application form) will result in rejection of the application. No exceptions or extensions.

6. Notification of the council's scholarship decisions will be made to each applicant by US mail during the week of April 6, 2026.
7. The scholarship award ceremony is expected to take place during the reception following the Senior Graduation Mass (5:30 p.m. Mass, April 12, 2026). Alternate arrangements will be made for recipients who are unable to attend this ceremony.
8. Scholarship will be paid in July directly to the university, college, junior college, technical school, business school, or seminary where student is enrolled for education in the Fall term.
 - a. The student must supply their student identification number for that institution before scholarship payment is made.
 - b. The student may change the school they will be attending (from what was originally supplied on this application) prior to July 1, 2026.

Exception: A student competing for the Michael Ogden Memorial Scholarship must inform us they plan to attend Texas A&M by **March 30, 2026**. Changing their school after this date **will disqualify them from receiving the Michael Ogden Memorial Scholarship**.

9. The student chosen to receive the Michael Ogden Memorial Scholarship must supply evidence they have accepted their offer of admission and are committed to attending Texas A&M **before the scholarship award will be sent to the university in July**. Please contact the Scholarship Committee Chairman for further details.
10. Questions may be sent via email or text message to the Scholarship Committee Chairman:

Ernest Davila ernestdavila@comcast.net 713.502.7767

Knights of Columbus Council 9708 2026 Scholarship Application

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Full Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Parents' Names _____

Are your parent(s) or guardians registered in St Clare parish?	Yes___ No___
Do you regularly attend mass on Sundays and other holy days of obligation ?	Yes___ No___
Are you currently enrolled in - and an active participant in - St. Clare faith formation?	Yes___ No___
Did you attend St. Clare of Assisi School?	Yes___ No___ Years Attended (e.g., 20XX-20YY): _____
Did you Graduate from St Clare of Assisi School?	Yes___ No___ Year Graduated: _____

Planned College/other post-secondary school:

Have you accepted admission to this school? Yes___ No___

Planned Degree/Field of Study: _____

Important Michael Ogden Memorial Scholarship Information

- Applicants listing Texas A&M University as their “Planned College” above will be considered for the Michael Ogden Memorial Scholarship. The student receiving the Michael Ogden Memorial Scholarship must supply evidence that they have accepted their offer of admission and are committed to attending Texas A&M before the scholarship award will be sent to the university in July.
- At the time of this application, some applicants may still be undecided, or another college may be their primary choice, but there is still a chance they will choose to attend Texas A&M before April 28. These students should “**X**” the line below if they still wish to be considered for the Michael Ogden Scholarship should they choose to go to Texas A&M before March 30, 2026:

_____ **I would like to be considered for the Michael Ogden Memorial Scholarship. I understand that I must notify the Scholarship Committee Chairman of my choice to enroll at Texas A&M by March 30, 2026 to remain eligible for the Michael Ogden Scholarship.**

Scholarship Application Questions

Please answer the following 3 questions on additional sheets of paper.

1. Short answer (use 2-3 sentences): Who are the Knights of Columbus? What do they do at our parish?
2. Please describe your involvement in St. Clare parish, archdiocesan, or other Catholic youth activities (e.g., altar-server, music minister, VBS volunteer, Living Stations, youth service activities, retreats, etc.) and how this involvement has affected your life.
3. Please answer the following questions in a one-page personal letter to the committee: What motivated you to choose your school and degree? Why are this school and degree important to you? If your major is undecided, what do you hope to do with this education?

Completed application package checklist:

- 1) 3-page application, including additional pages with answers to questions (as needed)
- 2) Photography Consent Form
- 3) Résumé
- 4) Official high school transcript (if not mailed by the high school)
- 5) Two letters of recommendation

I declare upon my honor that the above statements and attachments are all true to the best of my knowledge.

Signed _____ Date _____

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN VIDEO/PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

**Important! To be filled out by the Parent/Guardian for youth under 18 years of age.
If participant is 18 years of age or older, consent must be signed by the individual.**

NOTE: If you are registered for this school year's High School Faith Formation at St. Clare of Assisi Church, and you already filled out the CONSENT FORM & LIABILITY WAIVER for that, you do not need to fill this form out again. (If you are not sure if you did or not, please either check with the St. Clare Youth Minister, or fill it out regardless).

Participant's Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Home Address _____ City/Zip Code _____
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____ Home Phone (_____) _____
Alternate Phone Number (_____) _____ ☐ Cell Phone ☐ Work Phone
Parish _____ Grade _____ Age _____ Sex _____
Participant's Email Address _____

VIDEO/PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

As parent/guardian, I understand that promotional pictures and videos (individual and group) will be taken during events related to these scholarship awards or St. Clare high school graduation activities. I give permission for my son's daughter's picture to be used for promotional materials (newsletter, web page, calendars, power point, video, etc.) in highlighting these events.

Signature (Parent/Guardian) Date

Date:
