Knights of Columbus

FREDERICKSBURG COUICIL No. 4034
4722 Harrison Rd.
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22404

Conor Jerome Catholic Education Assistance Program

Scholarship Grant Application

Elementary School Student

Section 1. Background

The Conor Jerome Catholic Education Assistance Program (CJCEAP) is a need-based scholarship grant program developed and administered by Fredericksburg Council #4034 of the Knights of Columbus. The purpose of the program is twofold:

a. To give deserving students the financial means to continue their Catholic school education, and
b. To provide financial assistance in the form of grants to families who, because of financial difficulties, are unable to fully pay the current year's tuition at Holy Cross Academy, Fredericksburg, VA.

This program does NOT provide financial assistance for students enrolled in any of the St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish Religious Education Programs.

The dollar value of the grants to be awarded under this program ranges between $500.00 and $1,000.00. The value of each grant will depend on the number of grants that are awarded. Grants are for the current academic year only. Families may reapply for grants in succeeding academic years if financial difficulties persist or recur.

The Knights of Columbus is a non-profit organization established to perpetuate the legacy of Father Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus.

The purpose of the Knights of Columbus is to increase awareness of the many notable contributions made by our founding father; to support educational assistance programs; to support and promote community service; and to improve the social conditions through charitable, religious, and social welfare involvement, rendering mutual aid and assistance to sick and needy members and their families, and providing insurance products and annuities to benefit members, wives, and children.

Section 2. Eligibility

For a student and family to be eligible for consideration, the following criteria must be met:

a. The family must be active parishioners registered with St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fredericksburg, VA.
b. The student must be attending Holy Cross Academy, Fredericksburg, VA.
c. The family must demonstrate financial need.
d. The student must demonstrate potential for academic success.
e. Parent(s) volunteer/help at Holy Cross Academy and the Parish.
f. Scholarships are awarded irrespective of race, gender, or national origin.
g. One application to be submitted per student. If a family has multiple students, submit one application per child in attendance.

Section 3. Grant Application Procedure

Parents must complete the enclosed Grant Application Form. It must be *typed*. Additional typed pages may be used, but please indicate which question the additional information pertains to. Failure to use the Grant Application format or provide ALL requested information will result in rejection of the application.

Applications can be submitted in two options:

Option 1: Placed in an envelope marked **CJCEAP – CONFIDENTIAL** and mailed (postmarked) no later than Friday, December 12th, 2026, to:

Fredericksburg Council #4034
ATTN: CJCEAP Scholarship Grants
4722 Harrison Rd.
Fredericksburg, VA 22404

Option 2: Emailed to Mark Gardner at mpg137@gmail.com by end of day December 12th, 2026. Confirmation email will be sent upon receipt.

The information provided by the family will be reviewed by a Council committee to determine the eligibility of the student. **All information provided will be held in strict confidence.**

All families submitting grant requests will be notified by mail or email whether their grant request submissions were approved by early January, 2026.

Scholarship grants awarded under this program are paid directly to Holy Cross Academy.
Sincerely,

Mark P Gardner, PGK
Scholarship Director
Knights of Columbus Council 4034

CJCEAP Scholarship Grant
Elementary School Application Form

1. Name, age and grade of the student: _____
2. Confirm members of St. Mary's Parish: _____
3. Name(s) of parent(s): _____
4. Names and ages of other dependent children: _____

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5. Circumstances leading to family's financial need (use additional pages if needed):

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6. List the leadership positions held by the student if applicable:

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7. List the student's parish and school extracurricular activities: _____

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8. List the parent(s) involvement with St. Mary's Parish *AND* Holy Cross Academy:_____

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9. Any additional information you deem appropriate for consideration: _____

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In addition to the above information, please provide the following documentation:

1. Proof that the family meets the school's criteria for financial aid (a copy of the current school year FACTS certification), NOT your financial information.
2. A copy of the student's report card from the previous school year (except those students in kindergarten).
3. This *typed* application must be postmarked NLT December 12th, 2026.

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Parent's Signature Date

Additional Information (where not enough space included on previous page: