

# ELIGIBILITY

An applicant must be:

- Entering freshman year, of a four-year, undergraduate program, leading to a bachelor's degree, at a Catholic college or Catholic university, in the United States.

A member in good standing of the Knights of Columbus, a son or daughter of such a member, or of a such a deceased member, who at the time of death, was in good standing, or a Columbian Squire in good standing. (Not limited to Fourth Degree members.)

# HISTORY

## Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarships

At its 1965 meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, the Supreme Council established the Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarship Trust to provide undergraduate scholarships of \$1,000 each at The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., with scholarships available to members and sons and daughters of members and two scholarships available to Columbian Squires. While a specific number of scholarships continue to be dedicated to The Catholic University of America, the program has expanded over the years to include other Catholic universities and colleges. In 1991, the award was increased from \$1,000 per year to \$1,500 per year.

## John W. McDevitt (Fourth Degree) Scholarships

The John W. McDevitt (Fourth Degree) Scholarship Fund was established in tribute to the 11th Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, John W. McDevitt, a distinguished educator during his career prior to becoming Deputy Supreme Knight and then Supreme Knight in 1964. Earnings of the established fund provide undergraduate scholarships of \$1,500 per year to selected applicants.

## Percy J. Johnson Endowed Scholarships

In 1990, a bequest was received from the estate of Percy J. Johnson of Seville Council 93 in Brockton, Mass. Mr. Johnson stipulated that scholarships be awarded to young men who demonstrate financial need. Accordingly, FAFSA SAR reporting is required in the application process. Earnings of the established fund provide undergraduate scholarships of \$1,500 per year to selected applicants.

## Anthony J. LaBella Endowed Scholarships

Between 1995-97, a bequest was received from the estate of Anthony J. LaBella. Having received kindness as a youth from Knights, Mr. LaBella provided that, similarly, his benevolence would assist others through his bequest. Earnings of the established fund provide undergraduate scholarships of \$1,500 per year to selected applicants.

## Frank L. Goularte Endowed Scholarships

In 2000, Frank L. Goularte gave a monetary gift to provide scholarships based on need to deserving students. In honor of Brother Goularte's generosity and support of higher education for Catholic students, the Frank L. Goularte Scholarship Fund was established. This needs-based scholarship requires FAFSA SAR reporting in the application process. Earnings of the established fund provide undergraduate scholarships of \$1,500 per year to selected applicants.