



**Knights of Columbus
Msgr. Thomas Mooney Council 13228
Our Lady of Grace Parish**



Msgr. Thomas Mooney Council 13228 2024 Scholarship Rules

The Knights of Columbus Msgr. Thomas Mooney Council 13228 seeks to encourage young men and women of the parish to grow in their faith life, sharing it with others in a life of service to their family, community, and parish as Catholic Christians. In doing so, Knights at Our Lady of Grace would like to recognize these acts of charity, in a particular way, of high school seniors, high school graduates or those who will receive their GED (General Education Development) by end of June 2024, by awarding a \$500.00 scholarship towards their 2024-25 school year to those who complete the scholarship qualifications outlined below. This scholarship will be a witness to the scholastic achievements of young men and women who are striving to live their faith and an encouragement to them to continue to be a Catholic Christian role model for others.

Who may apply:

Any young man or woman who was a high school senior, graduated high school, or completed a GED Course (General Education Development) during 2023-2024 school year, is a parishioner of Our Lady of Grace, Stratford, CT and who will be a full-time college student, or trade school student in the school year 2024-2025.

Eligibility:

- Applicants need to be members of Our Lady of Grace, Stratford, CT. (as verified by OLG parish office).
- Follow rules of this Scholarship offered by Msgr. Thomas Mooney Council 13228.
- Complete and submit Application Form.
- Include and submit typed, double-spaced essay of 500 – 600 words on one of the following topics:

NOTE: Essay submissions should not include name of applicant, but are to be stapled onto Application Forms.

Select from the following Essay Topics:

- Describe how your “faith journey” as a Catholic has led you to serve the Church and community.
- How has your faith developed by serving the Church and community?
- How will you take your faith in Jesus Christ into the world serving the Church and community?

Judging:

Judges will be selected by KofC Council 13228.

Essays will be judged on a 100-point scoring system:

- 25 points: Content — How clearly is the theme presented?
- 20 points: Grammar — How well is the essay written with respect to sentence structure, paragraph construction and spelling?
- 25 points: Style — Does the essay show creativity, imagination, and development of the topic in a compelling style?
- 15 points: Service to Church – (i.e., altar server)
- 15 points: Service to community – (may include family and organizations)

Instructions:

- Follow Thomas Mooney Council Knights of Columbus 13228 Scholarship Rules.
- Complete Scholarship Application and Scholarship Essay.
- Submit scholarship application with attached essay in a sealed envelope on or before 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 9, 2024 to:

✉ Mr. Terry Morgan C/O Our Lady of Grace, 497 Second Hill Lane, Stratford, CT 06614

NOTE: Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than June 7, 2024 to be eligible.

Awarding Scholarship:

- Scholarship will be presented after 9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Grace Second Hill Lane, Stratford, CT on Sunday, June 16, 2024. (If date /time changes winners will be notified)
- Winner will be notified one week prior to scheduled presentation based on information supplied on application form so they may be present to receive scholarship. Winners need not be present to be eligible to receive awarded scholarship.

NOTE: *Applicants acknowledge that, upon submission, all scholarship applications and essays become the property of Msgr. Thomas Mooney Council 13228 Knights of Columbus which may reproduce or publish them, and all submitted material will not be returned. By participating, each applicant waives any claim of privacy or ownership of submitted essay, and agrees to abide by all rules of the Msgr. Thomas Mooney Knights of Columbus Council 13228 Scholarship, including its sole right to determine scholarship winner and to publish information, including photos, about scholarship participant and scholarship award presentation.*