



Knights of Columbus Council No. 9

Father Mark Suslenko Scholarship

Application for Academic Year 2026–2027

Application Deadline: March 16, 2026

Purpose

The Knights of Columbus Council No. 9 sponsors this scholarship to support Catholic education and to recognize students who demonstrate academic effort, strong character, and a sincere commitment to living the Catholic faith through participation in the life of the Church and service to others.

Scholarship Award

Two (2) scholarship in the amount of \$500 will be awarded. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to St. Paul Catholic High School and applied toward tuition for the 2026–2027 academic year.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet each of the following requirements:

- Be a practicing Catholic in good standing who strives to integrate faith into daily life.
- Be a current 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th grade student (2025–2026) who will attend St. Paul Catholic High School in the 2026–2027 academic year.
- Maintain satisfactory academic standing and school conduct.
- Member of Saint Stanislaus Parish of Bristol, CT

Minimum Academic Criteria

Cumulative GPA: _____

Most recent report card or transcript attached: ☐ Yes ☐ No



Selection Criteria

Selection is based on a holistic review of the application, including academic effort, school conduct, leadership, service, faith-based involvement, and the required essay.

Essay Requirement (500 words or fewer)

Please submit a typed essay answering the following question:

In what ways has attending, or preparing to attend, St. Paul Catholic High School helped you grow academically, spiritually, and in your commitment to living out your Catholic faith?

Scholarship Committee

Applications are reviewed by the Scholarship Committee, which includes:

- Members of Knights of Columbus Council No. 9
- Mr. James Cooper, President, St. Paul Catholic High School
- Fr. Daniel Hackenjós, Dean of Religious Life

Submission Instructions

Submit the completed application and required attachments by the deadline.

Submission method (check one): ☐ Email ☐ Mail/Drop-off

Email to: council9scholarshipfunds@gmail.com

Mail/Drop-off to: Saint Pauls School Office



2026-2027 Scholarship Application Form

1) Student Information

Student Name: _____

Current Grade (2025–2026): _____

Current School: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

2) Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

3) Parish and Faith Life

Parish where family is affiliated: _____

Describe your participation in parish life (Mass, ministries, service, etc.):



4) Academic Honors and Achievements

List academic honors/awards (attach additional page if needed):

5) School Activities and Leadership

List activities, offices held, and leadership roles (attach additional page if needed):

6) Community Service and Volunteer Work

List service activities, organizations, roles, and approximate hours (attach additional page if needed):



7) Additional Information (Optional)

Include any other information you believe will help the committee understand your application:

8) Applicant Certification and Permissions

By signing below, I certify that the information in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I authorize the Scholarship Committee to verify information provided, including academic standing and participation as needed.

Permission to publish recipient's name and photo when announcing the award:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____