

# **Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council**

# 2024-2025 Academic Scholarship Application

Application must be received by: July 17, 2024 Any late applications will not be considered

## Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council

Scholarship Application Instruction Guide

### **Applicant Information:**

01. Be sure to include your name, date of birth, gender, address, and contact information. The form will expand as you type in your information.

02. Please provide your council and parish information and indicate whether or not you have Lithuanian heritage.

03. List the college or university that you will be attending and the location as well as all fees associated with your tuition expenses.

04. Indicate all scholarships and awards that are anticipated. Also indicate if you have been awarded a K of L scholarship in the past, the amount and year.

05. Note your employer information and provide salary details as requested.

06. List high school(s) and address information as well as degree program studied.

### **Background Information:**

- 07. Please list military experience and provide rank and duties.
- 08. Provide references: Council President, Spiritual advisor/Priest, Teacher and a non-family member.
- 09. Hobbies
- 10. Knights of Lithuania participatory activities and positions held.
- 11. Professional Memberships
- 12. Please write a brief essay of your career plans indicating your area of study and any other pertinent character information you feel would help the committee in determining awards.
- 13. Understand that signing this document the information furnished is true and correct and provide your signature indicating this.

### 14. Check List:

It is imperative to confirm that each and all of the application materials are contained prior to submission and that all materials be furnished together.

### LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Please give the enclosed certificate to the appropriate reference. They should sign and date the certificate for tracking purposes and submit a signed and sealed letter of recommendation to the applicant to be formally submitted with the application prior to the deadline of July 17th, 2024.

### SUBMISSION:

Submissions will **ONLY** be accepted by US Mail, and all application requirements must be received in a **single** submission.

### Please send to: Annamarie Berger, Committee Chair, c/o Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Program / 109 Wunderwood Dr./ Tipp City, OH 45371

Questions? Please email scholarship@knightsoflithuania.com

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## 2024-2025

Scholarship Committee

# Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Application Packet

Application forms **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER** July 17th, 2024.

All references and school transcripts **MUST** be received by Chair in one complete submission. Please forward all application materials, references and transcripts by mail to:

Annamarie Berger, Scholarship Chair, c/o Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Program / 109

Wunderwood Dr. / Tipp City, OH 45371

Note: All information is strictly confidential.

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

				Sex: □M
1. Last Name:	First Name:		DOB:	
Address:	City:	State:		Zip:
Phone #:	Cell #:		Email:	
2. Council #:	Member Since: Lithuanian Heritage:			
Parish		Clergy:		
3. College/University:	Program Degree:   Associate  Bachelor  Master			
Address:	City:			Zip:
Major:	Tuition Cost:			
Financial Aid Anticipated:	Room & Board Cost:			
5. Employed: □Yes □ No	Salary: \$			
Employer Name:	Supervisor:			
Address:	City:	State:		Zip:
6. Name of High School(s)		Address	Major / I	Program of Study

### BACKGROUND

7. Military Experience 
Yes No if so which branch Air Force Army Marines Navy Rank:

Responsibilities:

8. References:	References:
9. Hobbies & Interests: (please list)	
10. Knights of Lithuania Council Activities Participated in:	Positions Held Junior Membership & Activities
11. Professional Memberships:	

### 12. ESSAY

Please write a brief statement of your future career plans. Also you should provide any statements that you feel would be beneficial for the committee to assist them in their evaluation.

### 13. AFFIDAVIT

By signing and submitting this document, I testify that all information is true and correct. I also affirm that I am not in default and do not owe a refund or repayment on any Federal or State financial aid including, state grants/scholarships, Federal Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Perkins Loan and Federal Stafford Loan. Any false information provided by the student or any attempt to expend any scholarship funds for unlawful purposes or any purpose other than in payment or reimbursement for the cost of attendance at the institution authorized to award the scholarship and/or grant will be cause for immediate disqualification for disbursement of funds previously awarded.

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Signature of Applicant

Date

In support of this application, please provide the following material:

Official Transcript of your most recent academic year and all institutions (high school and/or college)

Recent Photograph – Formal Portrait preferred

### 14. APPLICANTS CHECKLIST:

□ Knights of Lithuania Membership – Requirement of at least 24 consecutive months. This should be noted in the K of L Reference letter from your Council President, Financial Secretary or, if Junior, Junior Council Advisor (Council's 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President).

□Application – Completed, signed and dated.

Professional Portrait

□ Reference Letters

□Transcript(s) from all colleges and schools attended.

Forward these documents to the Supreme Council Scholarship Committee chairperson, Annamarie Berger. All materials MUST be received by July 17th, 2024

### **Confidential Reference Form – Character Reference**

#### Name of Applicant:

The aforementioned individual is an applicant for one of our scholarship awards to be granted through the Scholarship Committee of the Knights of Lithuania, and has given us your name as a reference. Our Committee would be grateful for your thoughtful evaluation of the applicant's academic capabilities and preparation for additional studies and the qualifications of the applicant in terms of intellectual ability, integrity, community service, and personality.

Instructions: Please generate a formal letter of recommendation for the applicant listed above and sign and date this certificate for tracking purposes. Please place the recommendation letter in an envelope, sign the back of the envelope and seal yourself. The letter should be given back to the candidate, who will forward the envelope to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson along with the required application materials. You may contact Annamarie Berger with any questions or concerns. Email: scholarship@knightsoflithuania.com.

#### **Confidential Reference Form – Teacher**

#### Name of Applicant:

The aforementioned individual is an applicant for one of our scholarship awards to be granted through the Scholarship Committee of the Knights of Lithuania, and has given us your name as a reference. Our Committee would be grateful for your thoughtful evaluation of the applicant's academic capabilities and preparation for additional studies.

Instructions: Please generate a formal letter of recommendation for the applicant listed above and sign and date this certificate for tracking purposes. Please place the recommendation letter in an envelope, sign the back of the envelope and seal yourself. The letter should be given back to the candidate, who will forward the envelope to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson along with the required application materials. You may contact Annamarie Berger with any questions or concerns. **Email:** <u>scholarship@knightsoflithuania.com</u>.

#### **Confidential Reference Form – Council President**

#### Name of Applicant:

The aforementioned individual is an applicant for one of our scholarship awards to be granted through the Scholarship Committee of the Knights of Lithuania and has given us your name as a reference. Our Committee would be grateful for your thoughtful evaluation of the applicant's capabilities and preparation for academic studies, and the qualifications of the applicant in terms of intellectual ability, integrity, community service, and personality.

For Council President References, please refer to the applicant's contributions to your local council, district, or involvement at a national level. Please indicate how long the applicant has been a member of the Knights of Lithuania, including any time as a junior member.

Instructions: Please generate a formal letter of recommendation for the applicant listed above and sign and date this certificate for tracking purposes. Please place the recommendation letter in an envelope, sign the back of the envelope and seal yourself. The letter should be given back to the candidate, who will forward the envelope to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson along with the required application materials. You may contact Annamarie Berger with any questions or concerns. Email: scholarship@knightsoflithuania.com.

### Confidential Reference Form – Pastor or Council's Spiritual Advisor

#### Name of Applicant:

The aforementioned individual is an applicant for one of our scholarship awards to be granted through the Scholarship Committee of the Knights of Lithuania, and has given us your name as a reference. Our Committee would be grateful for your thoughtful evaluation of the applicant's involvement in local parish activities, Knights of Lithuania activities, or your personal knowledge of the applicant.

Instructions: Please generate a formal letter of recommendation for the applicant listed above and sign and date this certificate for tracking purposes. Please place the recommendation letter in an envelope, sign the back of the envelope and seal yourself. The letter should be given back to the candidate, who will forward the envelope to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson along with the required application materials. You may contact Annamarie Berger with any questions or concerns. **Email:** <u>scholarship@knightsoflithuania.com</u>.

### Scholarship Formalities

### Note: Please read all requested information thoroughly.

The Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Program is intended to help a worthy and deserving Knight obtain a college education. Applicants must be a member of the organization for at least twenty-four consecutive months in order to be eligible to apply for a scholarship award. (This will be verified with the National Financial Secretary.) The Scholarship Program is intended to be a stimulus for young Lithuanian-Americans to join and be active in our organization.

Service to the Knights of Lithuania organization is of prime importance to be considered for this award. Scholarships are awarded annually and are paid to the recipients in two installments. Applications must be complete (e.g., photo, transcript, recommendations, etc) to be considered by the Scholarship Committee.

# <u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> Applicants may apply for a scholarship more than once, but are limited to receiving a scholarship three times.

There are various scholarships available with individual amounts decided upon by vote of the Scholarship Committee each year.

Each applicant is responsible for completing the application and securing entrance to the college of his/her choice. If the recipient of an award drops out of college, or if his/her academic standing becomes unsatisfactory to the college, the unexpended balance of the award may be forfeited at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship awards may be made to a person for undergraduate or graduate work. There is no age limitation. Organizational activity within the Knights of Lithuania is one of the most important criteria for obtaining a scholarship along with the following requirements and stipulations:

An applicant will be scored based on recommendations made by his/her 1) Council President or Council 3rd Vice President; 2) Spiritual Advisor or Pastor; 3) Former Teacher; 4) Character Reference. Applicants will be evaluated based on their scholastic records, financial need, and most importantly, K of L involvement. The Scholarship Committee will carefully study the applications. Decisions of the committee are final.

Recipients of the Scholarship Awards will be announced at the next National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania.

The current scholarship chair Annamarie Berger and all documentation and application materials must be submitted directly to her via US MAIL.