

The Ryan E. Sullivan Memorial Scholarship Application

Needham Knights of Columbus Council #1611

The Ryan E. Sullivan Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Ryan E. Sullivan, who passed away on October 1, 2023, after a valiant 10-year battle with Glioblastoma. He was 37 years old.

Ryan was a graduate of Catholic Memorial HS, Class of 2005 and St. Joseph's College of Maine, Class of 2009. He was an active member of the Needham Knights of Columbus and the David I Walsh Assembly, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. Ryan served as Worthy Recorder for the Council for many years and organized and oversaw the Knights of Columbus annual free-throw shooting competition, a 50-year-old, Knights of Columbus tradition, taking one group to the Massachusetts state championship. He was an avid Red Sox and Celtics fan and enjoyed playing cribbage.

The ***Ryan E. Sullivan Memorial Scholarship*** is available to any parishioner of Saint Joseph parish, or other Catholic parish, who is a student at: Needham, St. Sebastian's, Xaverian Brother's or Catholic Memorial High Schools, and who is graduating from high school and enrolling in college in 2025. There will be two (2) \$2,000 scholarships awarded. Scholarships will be awarded to students true to the founding principles of the Knights of Columbus: Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

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Completed applications for 2025 are due no later than Friday, May 10th. Please email completed applications to Phil Bonasia at pbonasia@saintjoes.com

Please include the following with your application.:

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION and SERVICE SUMMARY
2. LETTER OF REFERENCE (1) **Optional** (reference can email Phil Bonasia directly)
3. ESSAY
4. SIGNED STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

LETTERS OF REFERENCE cannot be written by family members and should be mailed separately. Letters are welcome from:

A) Supervisor or team leader from an organization where you served, who can verify your activities and participation, or

B) Coach, guidance counselor, supervisor, youth leader, teacher or religious leader who can attest to your character and has evidence of your community service.

ESSAY – On a separate sheet of paper.

In a maximum of 350 words, please respond to the following question (on a separate sheet of paper): *Why is it important to serve others and what is the importance of your catholic faith in your motivation to give back to your community through service?*

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STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that the information stated in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that the essay I have provided is my work alone. If I receive the scholarship, I understand the scholarship check will be presented to me after I provide a copy of my College Enrollment deposit form to the Knights of Columbus. I also consent to have my picture taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary by the Knights of Columbus Foundation.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

High School: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

Name and email of Recommender: _____

If known at this time, name of college or university you plan to attend: _____

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List athletic, part-time employment or extracurricular activities:

List your personal interests, talents, awards, honors, or other accomplishments:

Is there any other information we should know:

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SERVICE SUMMARY

Please list all religious, civic and community service activities (attach additional page if needed):

1. Service/Organization: _____

Dates Served: _____

Description of what you did:

2. Service/Organization: _____

Dates Served: _____

Description of what you did:

3. Service/Organization: _____

Dates Served: _____

Description of what you did: