

Joseph John Martin Memorial Scholarship Application

Name of Applicant: *Your Full name*

Name of Council Member: *Please list to whom you are related to, i.e.:*

- *John Smith: Past Grand Knight and member for 20 years (Father)*
- *Michael McGivney: 3rd Degree member for 45 years (Grandfather)*

Address: *Your home address, i.e.:*

*123 Main Street
Livingston, NJ 07039*

Telephone: *The best number that we can reach you at, i.e. Cell Phone, Home Phone*

Email: *Your email address*

High School/College:

i.e.: Livingston High School, will be attending Rutgers University in the fall of 2017

Community Service/Volunteer Activities:

Please describe in detail examples of your Community Service and Volunteer activities. i.e.;

I volunteered at St. Raphael's Parish for four years as a religious education teacher, twice a week I would meet with the students to prepare them to receive their sacraments within the church. This was a great experience and I was happy to help the members of my parish every year. For the past year, I also volunteered at Kessler Rehabilitation Center. I helped the members of our community who were in need by working the gift shop and assisting the nurses with patients. I enjoyed this experience as the patients' faces lit up when they saw our young smiling faces willing to help.

Throughout high school, I was a member of the Key Club. I participated in various volunteer activities throughout town. These activities include organizing and running activities for residents at Care One, as well as gift-wrapping for the less fortunate at the Knights of Columbus.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Please describe in detail examples of your Extra-Curricular activities. i.e.;

I am a member of the Italian Honor Society at LHS. This year, with the honor society, I helped organize an Italian culture night at the school for the town to come and learn about Italian culture. Last year, I participated in the Italian-American Exchange at LHS, I hosted an Italian student for two weeks and I then traveled to Italy with my classmates for two weeks and stayed with an Italian family. This experience taught me a lot about the Italian culture and I formed lifelong relationships with the family and Italian students.

I also am a member of the Forensic Science team. Once a year we compete against other high schools by solving a mock criminal case. Additionally, I am a member of the Sign Language Club; every other week we learn new ways to communicate using sign language.

I was also a member of the Girls' Basketball team for all four years of High School. This year, I was elected Captain of the team. Being a member of the team has thought me the value of teamwork and dedication. I have also organized a basketball mini-camp for those who wished to sharpen their skills in the off-season.

I also work a part time job at Busy Botti Billing Company every day after school.

Financial Need:

Please describe in detail as to why you are seeking financial assistance. i.e.,

Obtaining a college education is extremely expensive. My parents both work full time jobs to support our family; however this does not leave us enough money to fund my college education. I work a part time job to help out; unfortunately the money I have saved will only fund my minor expenses while at school.

This scholarship would help my family by paying for a good amount of my freshman year tuition. Once I graduate from College, I will have over one hundred thousand dollars in loans; this scholarship would reduce my loans significantly.

Essay: Joseph John Martin exemplified the values that the Knights of Columbus represent; Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. How do you feel that your life, so far, has exemplified these values?

Explain in detail these values.

Joseph John Martin and the Knights of Columbus as a whole exemplify the values of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. I have embodied these values since childhood and continue to do so today. My earliest memories are spending countless hours at the Knights of Columbus with my parents, grandparents and friends whether it was for charity or enjoying the company of other club members.

Today I have taken these memories and allowed them to shape the kind of person I am and aspire to be. My life exemplifies charity through the countless volunteer activities I participate in within my community. At the age of five, I remember standing outside the local 7-11 with my father while he collected money for children with special needs; this showed me the importance of giving back to your community and giving aid to the less fortunate.

Throughout high school, I continued my charity work at my church. After confirmation, I continued to volunteer at the parish and work with the youth group; we took numerous trips to the local soup kitchen to lend a hand with cooking and distributing food to the hungry. This experience was very rewarding and I continue to go back as often as possible. I also demonstrated charity when I volunteered at Care One and Kessler Rehabilitation Center, working at these places I was able to assist the elderly and disabled in

our community. Charity is a very important aspect in my life as can be seen through the volunteer work I have completed over the years.

Fraternity and Unity are two values I grew up with and have carried with me into my teenage years. The Knights of Columbus has provided me with a second family and home since the day I was born. My first birthday party was held in the grove of the Knights of Columbus with almost every member in attendance. My parents found lifelong friends within the Knights of Columbus and I have taken this value of fraternity and kinship and have carried these with me growing up.

I was a girl scout for six years and within my troop I learned the values of friendship and sisterhood while I got to know and love my fellow girl scouts. Outside of clubs and organizations I have had the same three best friends since elementary school, we share the same interests and grow and learn from each other. The Italian-American exchange through Livingston High School brought together 50 kids from two different worlds. From the first day we met we easily became one big family, constantly learning from each other, not letting the language barrier or cultural differences get in our way. I know that I will keep my relationships with these people for the rest of my life; this program unified a group of people who I never would have had the pleasure to get to know otherwise.

In college, I am hoping to rush a sorority to be a part of a lifelong sisterhood with people who share my common interest in helping people while enjoying our college experience. I exhibit a great sense of patriotism to the United States of America. My family has taught me to be proud of our Country, to display this national pride since before I can remember we have hung the American Flag outside our house all year round to show our support for America.

In the past presidential election, I was eligible to vote for the first time, this is one of the rights given to us in the constitution and I will be registering to vote so I can participate in the successful democracy that our country has established. After college I hope to work in the government to use forensic science to solve criminal cases, this shows my support for our country and how I will work to make it better.

To conclude, from my earliest memories to my teenage years my life has exhibited Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. I spent a lot of time when I was younger at the Knights of Columbus surrounded by family and friends. Through the Knights, my parents spent a lot of time helping others; this has influenced me to bring these values into my life now and forever. I enjoy doing community service and helping those in need, I have volunteered at various establishments in my community.