

Chris Damo Scholarship

Knights of Columbus
St. Michael Council 11445



2026-2027 Application

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. MICHAEL COUNCIL 11445 CHRIS DAMO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Due Monday, May 4, 2026

Dear friends in Christ,

Council 11445 of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for the annual Chris Damo Scholarship Award. This scholarship will be awarded to a St. Michael School eighth grade student or students who will be attending one of the Columbus area Catholic High Schools starting in the 2026-2027 school year. The applicant must be a current 8th grade student at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School, and must be the son or daughter of an active member of a Knights of Columbus council.

The Council will award a total of \$4,000.00 in scholarship money, to be paid in four annual installments directly to the Catholic High School. After the first year, scholarship winners must re-qualify to receive each the remaining annual payments in subsequent years by maintaining a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (4.0 scale, transcripts required) and demonstrating good character as a student, a citizen, and a Catholic.

The scholarship will be awarded based on the characteristics most displayed by the scholarship's namesake Chris Damo:

1. Community Service
2. Catholic Spirituality
3. Patriotism
4. Knights' Fraternity

The application form may be typewritten or handwritten as long as it is legible. Completed applications may be submitted either electronically via email or mailed through the postal service. Applications can be downloaded from the St. Michael Knights of Columbus website, www.kofc11445.com.

Electronic Submittals:
scholarship@kofc11445.com

Or

Mailed Submittals:
Knights of Columbus Council 11445
John Greve, Scholarship Chairman
1000 Greenridge Rd
Worthington, OH 43235

All applications must be completed and received no later than Monday, May 4, 2026.

Good Luck!

Scholarship Committee
Knights of Columbus Council 11445

Please print clearly.

Name: _____
 First Middle Last

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code):

Email: _____ Phone: (____) _____
Circle: **HOMEMOBILE**

Student's Expected High School (Circle):
 Bishop Hartley Bishop Ready Bishop Watterson Cristo Rey
 St. Charles Preparatory St. Francis DeSales Chesterton Academy

Father's Name: _____

Father's current Knights of Columbus Council:

Council Number: _____ Council City: _____

Chris Damo was committed to **community service** as displayed by his countless volunteer hours with the Special Olympics, Homeless Families Foundation, S.P.I.C.E, 40 Days for Life, Honor Flight, and Mid-Ohio Foodbank, just to name a few. He had a profound faith and proudly displayed his **Catholic** identity, but he also had a deep **spirituality** that was not on display, but was self-evident in the number of Eucharistic Adoration holy hours that he attended each week or when you would hear about him at daily Mass. Chris was born in the Philippines and his parents made huge sacrifices to bring the family to America. He displayed his **patriotism** everyday with his car license plate (THX VETS) and on national holidays, including arranging for flags to be placed on all veterans' graves in Resurrection Cemetery on Memorial Day. He truly loved this country. He was also very active in **the Knights of Columbus**, holding many committee chair positions, actively leading or contributing to numerous social and service events, and participating in the 4th degree honor guard at a multitude of funerals and occasions.

For each of the traits identified below, please list and briefly describe (including dates, approximate hours, locations) recent and relevant activities, programs or organizations in which you have participated. Please use a separate sheet of paper to clearly list the activities.

1. Community Service
2. Catholic Spirituality
3. Patriotism
4. Knights of Columbus Fraternity (participated with the Knights of Columbus)

Essay:

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Based on the example of this scholarship's namesake how have **you** displayed these qualities and what do they mean to **you**? (Please attach a typed or neatly handwritten page)

REFERENCES:

Please provide three people who can describe how your personality matches the four traits identified and the information you have described above. References must be over the age of 18 years, and you must provide names, contact information (at least two methods: address, phone, or e-mail), and relationship for each.

REFERENCE #1: _____

Contact Information: _____

Relationship: _____

REFERENCE #2: _____

Contact Information: _____

Relationship: _____

REFERENCE #3: _____

Contact Information: _____

Relationship: _____