

## Educational Need

The need for education beyond high school is essential in a technological age. The Knights Templar Educational Foundation acknowledges this need and is dedicated to providing financial support for those who seek to better themselves through further education.

The Pennsylvania Educational Foundation Committee solicits applications through its website for its annual scholarship and distributes financial assistance to recognize and support the efforts of those students dedicated to bettering themselves through higher education in Pennsylvania.

To be eligible to be considered for a scholarship, candidates must be **residents of Pennsylvania** who are enrolled or accepted into:

- 1. A vocational school, which trains artisans and craftsmen.**
- 2. A technical school, which prepares technicians for various specializations.**
- 3. A professional school, which offers preparation, in medicine, law, theology, engineering, business, agriculture and others.**
- 4. Colleges and universities, which give a firm foundation for business, trade or profession.**

## The Record

Since its founding the Knights Templar Educational Foundation has assisted more than 160,000 students for an aggregate monetary value of over 200 million dollars through Grants to deserving individuals thereby exemplifying the purpose and principles for which it was created.

### How to apply for a grant

Application forms are available on the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania website and are completed for **online submission**.

Further information is available from the office of the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania:

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Additional Information concerning the Knights Templar can be obtained from:  
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**The Knights Templar Educational  
Foundation Supports Higher Education  
Through Grants**



***"Investment in Education is an  
investment in the Future"***

## Mission Statement

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation Committee considers all applications for grants, without regard to age, race, religion, national origin, gender, or Masonic ties or affiliations. These grants are open to all students regardless of their financial circumstances. The purpose of these grants is to provide financial assistance to promising students who meet the required qualifications, which may vary from state to state.

## Grant Committee

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania consists of five Sir Knights, under the direction of the Committee Chairman. The Grand Recorder receives and processes submissions through [pagrandcommandery.org](http://pagrandcommandery.org) website and supports in the administration of the committee. The application process runs from January 30 to April 1st of each year. The grant applications and official transcripts are then passed to the Committee for review along with supporting documentation from the applicant.

The Committee then meets prior to the Annual Conclave to process, review and select recipients. Recipients are then presented with grant checks for their use.

## History of the Knights Templar

### Educational Foundation

In 1922, the Grand Encampment launched the Knights Templar Educational Foundation with the words:

*"We feel that the Grand Encampment can build no greater monument nor inaugurate a more worthwhile movement than to establish a plan which will put into effect a plan which will provide educational advantages for the youth of our beloved country, thereby enabling them to become more useful members of society and better Citizens of the United States of America."*

The Foundation was sustained and perpetuated by each Sir Knight paying annually the sum of \$1.00 for a period of nine years beginning July 1, 1924. This Fund became available for student financial aid. Through the years, the fund has grown. Grants are available in several states. Currently, the Student Loan program has been discontinued and constituent Grand Commanderies now administer the Grants.

### Purpose

The purpose of the Educational Foundation is to provide financial assistance to those students who meet the required qualifications as established by the Educational Foundation Committee under the oversight of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

## Who is the Knights Templar?

The Knights Templar is a Christian-oriented, fraternal organization and is the culmination of the York Rite of Freemasonry. While this fraternal body does not claim that it is a direct descendant of the ancient order founded in the 11<sup>th</sup> Century, it espouses some of the same ideals and traditions.

Originally, these Knights protected and defended Christians travelling to Jerusalem. These men took vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and were known for their fierceness and courage in battle.

Their contemporary service and goals reflect the virtues of the valiant Knights of old, serving those in need through fund-raising, charity and supporting the Knight Templar Eye Foundation and higher education.

For more information on the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania and Knights Templar in general:

[pagrandcommandery.org/about-2/](http://pagrandcommandery.org/about-2/)

