



Msgr. Walter Cleary Council # 7364
St. Cecilia's Church
17 Grove Street
Adams, NY 13605

May 4, 2025

PO Box 10
Adams, NY 13605

Dear Guidance Department,

Please find enclosed the Knights of Columbus Fred Laemmerman Memorial Scholarship Award Application. The award is funded by the Msgr. T. Walter Cleary Knights of Columbus Council 7364 in Adams and is given to one senior from both South Jefferson and Belleville Henderson Central Schools.

We would appreciate it if you could make copies and have it available to your seniors. They can also pick up the forms at either St. Cecilia's (Adams) or Queen of Heaven (Henderson) churches.

The applications are due at St. Cecilia's church in Adams by the Monday, May 26 2025. Applications can be dropped off at the parish office or mailed in to the address at the top of this letter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at wstowell@twcny.rr.com or 315-486-1763.

Sincerely,

William Stowell – Grand Knight – Knights of Columbus Council 7364

Msgr. T. Walter Cleary Council #7364
Adams, NY
Fred Laemmerman Memorial Scholarship Criteria

Established in 1980 the Fred Laemmerman Memorial Scholarship is dedicated to the memory of our first Grand Knight. To honor him the Msgr. T. Walter Cleary Council will annually give two scholarships to reward graduating seniors of the St. Cecilia's and Queen of Heaven parish community. These scholarships will be awarded to one student from both the South Jefferson School District and the Belleville Henderson School District. These academic and church community-based scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$150 each. The winner of each scholarship will be determined by a four-member committee of Brother Knights, one of the members of this committee must be the council Priest. The committee appointed by the Grand Knight must have at least one Brother Knight from the Saint Cecilia and Queen of Heaven parishes. If a committee member has a child or relative being considered for the scholarship, he must recuse himself from the committee and the Grand Knight will appoint a new member to the committee. If after two votes there is a tie, the Grand Knight will cast a vote to break the tie. Only one scholarship will be given at each school. If no one from either school applies then that scholarship will not be given. Scholarship applications will be submitted to the parish Priest and are due by the end of parish business hours the last Monday of May. Winners must be announced at the June Knights of Columbus business meeting.

The candidate for each scholarship will be determined by combination of each of the six criteria areas. They are listed in order of importance.

1. Parish Participation. Is there mass attendance, Sundays and holy days, following through with confirmation ministry. Other examples would be singing, taking collection, altar serving, religious education, youth ministry or attending church dinners (i.e. Seder Dinner).
2. Academics. Does not have to be a perfect student but someone who takes their learning seriously. Do you belong to any faith-based clubs at school?
3. Participations Outside of Parish Community. Is student participating in activities outside church, but related to faith such as March for Life, march with parishioners in local parade, Youth Rally, Mystery Players or Camp Guggenheim.
4. Vocations. Is the applicant entering a seminary or nunnery.
5. Participation in Knight of Columbus or Ladies of Saint Cecelia's/Queen of Heaven Events. Assisting groups with rummage sales, dinners and picnics, or selling raffle tickets.
6. Personal Life. Does this person represent their Catholic faith to the best of their ability? Do they strive to live their faith daily?

Msgr. T. Walter Cleary Council #7364
Adams, NY
Fred Laemmerman Memorial Scholarship Application

Personal Background

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Age _____

Home Parish _____

Academic Background

High School you are now attending _____

Year you will graduate _____

Present Cumulative GPA (4.0 scale) _____ This will be verified.

College or School you plan to attend after graduation _____

Major _____

Student Resume

Please list information pertinent to each question.

Parish Participation _____

Describe your academics and school experience _____

Participations Outside of Parish Community _____

Participation in K of C or Ladies of Saint Cecelia's/Queen of Heaven Events _____

Are you planning to enter a seminary or nunnery? If so describe in detail _____

Describe how do you strive to live your Catholic faith daily? _____

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I hereby authorize the Adams Knights of Columbus to utilize any information (including photos) which I have submitted here or in the future for the purpose of promoting the Fred Laemmerman Scholarship Award. I understand that if the information that I have submitted is found to be untrue or inaccurate, I will be subject to forfeiture of the proceeds awarded and I agree to return to Adams Knights of Columbus the full amount awarded. I hereby authorize the Adams Knights of Columbus to authorize my GPA from my high school for the purposes of verifying my average.

Signature

Date