



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Nativity Council #16604
2793 Buckner Lane
Thompson's Station, TN 37179

Council Scholarship Award, Fraternal Year 2025-26

US Military Higher Education Or Enlistment

McGivney Defender Appreciation Grant

Council #16604 will grant a one-time payment to young men and women of our parish who have committed themselves to the pursuit of higher education at a US military school or enlistment in US military service, either as described below.

No KofC-related requirement, i.e., neither any applicant nor any male family member is required to be a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Requirements: i) immediate family of applicant is registered with Catholic Church of the Nativity, Thompson's Station, Tennessee, 37179, United States of America; ii) applicant to provide proof of freshman entry to US military school (see no. 1 below); or iii) applicant to provide proof of enlistment with US Armed Forces (see no. 2) or US National Guard (see no. 3) or US Military Reserve (see no. 4), as well as proof of high school diploma (enlistment after high-school graduation can be delayed by a maximum of two years from date of high-school graduation).

1-US military school includes *Federal Service Academies*: Military Academy (West Point), Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, Coast Guard Academy, Merchant Marine Academy; and ***Senior Military Colleges*:** The Citadel, Norwich University, Texas A&M University, University of North Georgia, Virginia Military Institute, Virginia Tech; and ***Military Junior Colleges*:** Georgia Military College, Marion Military Institute, New Mexico Military Institute, Valley Forge Military Academy and College. Other US military schools not listed will be evaluated for inclusion if/when identified.

2-Branch of US Armed Forces means Army or Marine Corps or Navy or Air Force or Space Force or Coast Guard.

3-US National Guard means Army National Guard or Air National Guard.

4-US Military Reserve means Army Reserve or Navy Reserve or Marine Corps Reserve or Air Force Reserve or Coast Guard Reserve.

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Council Grant pool is \$1882 – to be divided evenly between any/all applicants who meet all requirements, e.g., one recipient gets \$1882, two get \$941 each, etc.

Council-based Incentive For New Joiners: **Male MDAG recipient at least 18 years of age** will be invited to become a member of Council #16604 with dues waived for the duration of his military-school or enlistment commitments, plus dues waived for as long as he is considered Active or Part-Time Military. He is responsible for paying dues in the first calendar year after fully re-entering 'civilian life', i.e., detaches from Active or Part-Time Military. Council retains option to offer membership *without* dues waived, i.e., regular membership. If Council decides to offer regular membership, MDAG recipient members who hitherto have had dues waived are grandfathered in, i.e., no dues until full return to 'civilian life'.

MDAG candidate window closes May 1, 2026

Council #16604 can change any terms without notice

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