

Knights of Columbus #1389 KERNAN SCHOLARSHIP

Background:

John Kernan was the Grand Knight of Cottonwood Council #1389 when he drowned as a result of a boating accident on the Salmon River on October, 1980. At the time he was the principal at Prairie Middle School. After John's death KC Council #1389 established the John Kernan Memorial Scholarship. Funds were collected and invested in an interest bearing Certificate of Deposit managed by the council treasurer. Funds from the interest generated annually are used to give a scholarship each year to a Prairie Senior who best exemplifies the spirit of hard work and consistent effort. A scholarship of \$200-300 is awarded depending on the annual interest generated. In some instance members have reached into their own pocket and added funds to insure that \$300 is awarded. **Eligibility for the scholarship was changed in 2005. The council agreed that the scholarship should include graduating seniors from Summit Academy and any home schooled students (within District 242) completing their high school studies who exemplify the spirit of hard work and consistent effort.**

Procedures:

The JOHN KERNAN SCHOLARSHIP, sponsored the local Knights of Columbus Council #1389, is given each year to a Prairie High School, Summit Academy or home schooled graduating senior who best exemplifies a spirit of hard work and consistent effort.

This senior must have academic success sufficient to make him/her eligible for higher education, but need not rank in or near the top of his/her class. The intent is to select the senior who demonstrates hard work and consistent effort as well as qualities of good character, loyalty, honesty, and charity. These traits will be evaluated for deciding the recipient of the award.

School counselors at Prairie High School and Summit Academy are the conduit for applying for the Kernan Scholarship. School counselors and parents of home schoolers should turn in the essays from all applying students to the Knights of Columbus Council #1389 Kernan Scholarship contact by **May 1 annually**. Contact is Jim Remacle at 962-3524 (home).

KC Council #1389 will appoint a committee of at least 3 individuals (normally members) who will review and judge the submittals (edited to make the writer anonymous). The submittals will be judged based upon the spirit of hard work, consistent effort, and outstanding personal qualities exemplified as described in the individual submittals. The committee's decision is final.

Requirements:

Graduating seniors must write an essay of between 200 and 400 words, double spaced, describing the spirit of hard work and consistent effort they exhibited at school or outside of school. It should describe how qualities of leadership, good character, loyalty, honesty, and charity were learned or used during this experience(s). Be sure to state your higher education plans and why you think you are deserving of this scholarship. Turn in your essay to your school counselor or scholarship information coordinator at Prairie High School or Summit Academy. Home school students should turn in their applications directly to the Knights of Columbus Council #1389 Kernan Scholarship contact by May 1.