



Our Lady of Mercy

ROBERT H. WEAVER SCHOLARSHIP



Robert H. Weaver Council #12005

INTRODUCTION:

In memory of a former parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy Parish and one of the founding members of the OLM Men's Club, Mr. Bob Weaver, the Knights of Columbus / Robert H. Weaver Council #12005 and the Our Lady of Mercy Men's Club hereby establishes the:

ROBERT H. WEAVER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This fund will be for high school seniors seeking financial assistance for continuing education after high school. Distribution will be provided to accredited trade schools, junior colleges, colleges and universities exclusively.

INITIAL FINANCING:

Knights of Columbus / Robert H. Weaver Council #12005 will allocate \$2,000.00 annually from the Gaming Account. All monies will be held in the general account of the Knights of Columbus / Robert H. Weaver Council #12005 earmarked for the ROBERT H. WEAVER SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:

Single award not to exceed \$1,000.00 per person – depending upon funds available for that particular year.

Multiple awards not to exceed \$2,000.00 total – depending upon funds available for that particular year.
Multiple awards are at the sole discretion of a majority vote of the Selection Committee exclusively.

Award amounts are directly proportionate to monies available to the Selection Committee as of June 1 of the awarding year. Selection Committee shall not award an amount/amounts greater than fund value.

No funds may be distributed unless approved by a majority (3 votes in favor) of the **entire** Selection Committee.

In the event that there is no majority (3 votes in favor) of the **entire** Selection Committee, the Selection Committee will ask the Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish to cast the tie-breaking vote.

A written vote signed by all participants, shall be provided to each organization after approval of a candidate.

SELECTION COMMITTEE:

The Selection Committee shall be comprised of:

- a) Grand Knight of the Robert H. Weaver Council #12005
- b) Deputy Grand Knight of the Robert H. Weaver Council #12005
- c) Treasurer of the Robert H. Weaver Council #12005
- d) KofC Selection Committee Member

* In the event a relative of the Selection Committee is applying for the Robert H. Weaver Scholarship, that member shall step down from the Committee and the associated organization's officers shall elect a temporary member for that particular year to replace the member.

DISTRIBUTING AGENCY:

The Knights of Columbus / Robert H. Weaver Council shall be the distributing agency for the Robert H. Weaver Scholarship Fund. **Monies deposited and/or designated for the "Robert H. Weaver Scholarship Fund" may not be used for any other purpose without prior written approval of the fiduciary officers of the Robert H. Weaver KofC Council #12005. Fiduciary officers must receive approval from the membership prior to issuing a written approval.**

DISTRIBUTION PROCEDURES:

Successful candidate will be notified at a regularly scheduled mass (commonly attended by Applicant) by the Grand Knight of the Robert H. Weaver Council. Knights of Columbus / Robert H. Weaver Council #12005 will provide an Honor Guard to accompany the Grand Knight at time of award.

Scholarship amount will be forwarded onto the Bursar's Office of the Institution selected by the successful candidate payable to the account of that candidate. No monies will be distributed directly to the successful candidate.

No monies may be transferred from institution to institution without the written approval of the Selection Committee.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

Candidates for the Robert H. Weaver Scholarship must:

- a) be a member of the current graduating class from an accredited Illinois High School
- b) be a member of Our Lady of Mercy Parish - Aurora, Illinois who has actively participated in service to the Parish and the community
- c) Provide a typed and signed application including email and phone number
- d) Provide three (3) letters of recommendation concerning the applicant's character. These must be from persons other than family members
- e) Provide a typed and signed essay of not more than 500 words on: "Describe your service activities and explain why they are important to you, the OLM Parish and community in general."

All criteria mentioned above must be provided to the Selection Committee prior to: **4:00 PM / JUNE 19, 2026.**

All criteria must be provided to:

ROBERT H. WEAVER SCHOLARSHIP
Attention: Scholarship Committee
Address designated by committee

Any questions must be submitted in writing or via email to a person identified by the Selection Committee. Questions will be taken up to 5 days prior to awarding of Scholarship.

Decision and award will be made by: **SUNDAY / JULY 19, 2026.**