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Greetings Sir Knights of the Great State of California

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With the heat of Summer mostly behind us and the crisp fall air beginning to make its appearance, I pray you find a renewed zeal and commitment to our great work. Lady Tammy and I are looking forward to the upcoming holidays and the joy of family time they offer.

Lady Tammy and I wish for you and your families a thankful and bountiful-filled Thanksgiving Celebration.

With thoughts of *JOY* and family time, I am reminded that what we do for others is long lasting and important. We all have the ability to assist others at many levels in life. We as California Knights Templars have a meaningful program whose fruits are both meaningful and important, and only requires us to share information to assist those who qualify.

This month I want to share with you an often overlooked but very valuable program available in California. This program, like many others our great Fraternity offers, is under-applied for, and is then unable to assist those whom could have otherwise benefited from its services.

Please spend a few minutes familiarizing yourself with its details and then share the information with those who could directly benefit from its funding.

History and transition of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation

In 1971, the Grand Commandery of California of Knights Templar of California launched the Knights Templar Educational Foundation with the aim that: "the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of California hereby creates a Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund for the purpose of educating worthy students for the Christian Ministry through scholarship grants and assistance to accredited Schools in California"

Mission Statement

The *Knights Templar Educational foundation Committee* considers all applications for scholarships, without regard to age, race, religion, national origin, gender, of Masonic ties or affiliations. These scholarships are not "grants in aid", but are open to all students regardless of their financial circumstances.

GRANT QUALIFICATIONS (Grants may be renewed) (Rev. April 2022)

- Be a U.S. citizen and a California resident for the initial award.

- Have a minimum 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA), unweighted.

- Be enrolled in an accredited College, University or Seminary as a undergraduate or graduate student.

- Carry a minimum of 12 semester or 8 quarter units.

- Student must be a Religion, Theology, Philosophy, General Education, Special Education, Music, American Sign Language- Interpretation or Social Sciences major

Student Responsibilities Required Documents

Submit the completed current application form to the Grand Commandery Office (Attn: Grand Recorder) post marked by the appropriate deadline listed below. Failure to meet this deadline is disqualifying! Submit with, or concurrent with the application, two letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes. Submit with the application, or as soon thereafter as possible, a sealed official transcript including the last term completed prior to March 1st, 2023, from the attending post-secondary institution.

Purpose

Provide financial assistance to students who meet the required qualifications.

The Record

Since its founding the Knights Templar Educational Foundation has assisted thousands of students through Loans and Scholarships of accredited Christian schools of varying denominations. Exemplifying a true ecumenical spirit of brotherhood and love.

Scholarship is open to those individuals aspiring to one of the following:

1. Pulpit ministry
2. Chaplaincy in the following :VA, Hospitals, Hospice, Substance abuse program
3. Military Chaplain
4. Chaplain to Special needs programs

SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS (may not be renewed)

- Be a U.S. citizen and a California resident for the initial award.

- Have a minimum 3.5 Grade Point Average (GPA), unweighted.

- Be enrolled in an accredited College, University or Seminary as a senior or graduate student.

- Carry a minimum of 12 semester or 8 quarter units.

- Student must be a Religion or Ministry major or equivalent

- Student must belong to a Christian denomination that adheres to the Nicæan Creed

For GRANT applicants:

Submit with the application a short essay (approximately 500 words), describing educational goals, extra-curricular activities, community service, noteworthy accomplishments, special talents, and long-range goals.

For SCHOLARSHIP applicants:

Submit with application a statement of needs of funds. Also, a short statement (approximately 500 words) of the ministry you aspire to pursue after graduation.

APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN March 1st, 2023.

Selection

Selection for a scholarship grant award is the responsibility of the KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.

Approval and Award Process

The *Knights Templar Educational Foundation* will determine which applicants meet all the eligibility requirements. The Payment will be made at the beginning of the term, after the approved applicant has supplied the FOUNDATION with a copy of the Enrollment Certificate issued by the institution.

The Grant award will be in the amount of \$1,000.00 and may be renewed up to four times (total of 5 awards) upon reapplication by the student each year or until undergraduate degree requirements are met, whichever comes first. The Scholarship award is a one-time scholarship to a graduating senior or graduate student pursuing the a vocation in the ministry in the amount of 1000.00 based on the needs of the individual.

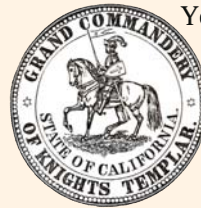
Before award is made, submit a proof of enrollment in the form of a certificate of enrollment from the college, university or trade school to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar - address below.

Promptly advise the Grand Commandery Office of any changes in address, telephone, or educational status. E-mail is preferable for such updates.

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