

# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina

## Educational Foundation Policy and Procedures

### Policy

It shall be the policy of this Grand Commandery to award scholarships to qualified applicants as funds are available from the interest earned on the endowment. At no time shall the *corpus* be used to fund scholarships.

### Procedures

1. The Educational Foundation Committee shall determine each year no later than the annual conclave how much money is available for scholarships. The Committee shall determine how many scholarships may be awarded, and the value of each.
2. The Educational Committee shall, as a part of its annual report to the Conclave, announce these determinations.
3. The amount and number of scholarships is not subject to debate by the conclave.
4. The availability of scholarships shall be announced in the state supplement of *The Knight Templar Magazine* and on our website ([www.scgyr.org](http://www.scgyr.org)).
5. Forms to all interested applicants and to area, technical colleges, senior colleges and universities will be available on our website ([www.scgyr.org](http://www.scgyr.org)) or from the Grand Recorder's Office.
6. Completed applications will be forwarded to the Grand Recorder for processing and referral to the Committee.
7. The Committee shall review all applications and announce the award(s) by August 1<sup>st</sup>. All eligible applicants will be included in a drawing for the final selection(s); only those selected will be notified.
8. The Committee is solely responsible for its decisions, which cannot be appealed to the Conclave.
9. If, for any reason, a recipient does not use an awarded scholarship the Committee may, in its discretion, make another qualified applicant in the same manner as provided for in item number 7.

### Eligibility

1. To be eligible for a Knight Templar Scholarship an applicant must be a citizen or legal resident of South Carolina, and attending a technical college, senior college, or university in the state of South Carolina.
2. The applicant must complete an application form provided on our website ([www.scgyr.org](http://www.scgyr.org)) or the Grand Recorder's office.
3. There are no restrictions on the course of study to be pursued by the applicant, and an applicant cannot be denied because of race, religion, creed, sex, handicapping condition, age, veteran's status or financial need.
4. The recipient is asked to provide a written report to the Committee explaining how the scholarship benefited the student.
5. A recipient may apply for a second scholarship, provided he/she remains fully eligible to continue in school, and is otherwise eligible for the scholarship and may apply for a second scholarship following the same procedure as state above.