



Knights of Columbus
INDIANA STATE COUNCIL

DUE BY: Feb. 28

OUTSTANDING CATHOLIC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Please Print or Type. Use additional pages as necessary.)

Council Number 7431 submits the following nominee for the Outstanding Catholic Youth

Award:

Nominee Information:

Name: Sarah Swanson

Address: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PHONE [REDACTED]

School: Mooresville High School

Parish: St. Thomas More

Father's Full Name: [REDACTED]

Father's Occupation: [REDACTED]

Mother's Name: [REDACTED]

Mother's Occupation: [REDACTED]

Number of Brothers: 0 Number of Sisters: 0

Parents' Address (if different from nominee's): [REDACTED]

Application Requirements:

This application cover sheet has information on front and back - please remember to provide information satisfying application requirements on **both sides**. Provide the following information and attach this cover-sheet for submission.

Please include nominee's photograph.

I. SPIRITUAL, CHURCH AND PARISH INFORMATION

Please list and describe the works and accomplishments of your nominee within the structure of the nominee's parish organizations.

Please list and describe the nominee's Spiritual and Corporal Works of mercy, how these works benefit the spiritual welfare of those around the nominee, and how their performance has affected the nominee spiritually.

II. SCHOOL

Scholastic Grade Average: 9th 10th 11th 12th ✓

Current Class Rank: out of students in the 12th grade.

Please include a copy of the nominee's high school transcript.

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Please indicate the effect and impact your candidate has had upon the nominee's school, administration, teachers, counselor, and students.

Please list the clubs and organizations to which the nominee belongs and the offices held (if any). List athletic activities in which the nominee has participated.

III. CIVIC AND COMMUNITY

Please list and describe all of the civic and community activities in which your nominee has participated during the nominee's high school years, including summer activities. Indicate the effect and impact these activities have had on the community.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

The following letters of recommendation should be attached to this form:

1. A letter from the nominee's Pastor, Associate Pastor, or CCD Coordinator.
2. A letter from the nominee's school administrator, counselor, or dean of students.
3. A letter from the sponsoring Council's Grand Knight or Youth Director.
4. Letters from other interested persons within the nominee's parish, school and/or community.

V. AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH AND GENERAL INFORMATION

You have been nominated by your local Knights of Columbus Council for the Outstanding Catholic Youth Award of the Indiana Knights of Columbus. Please provide a personal assessment of yourself and a brief sketch of your family. Feel free to express your personal wants and desires for the present and the future, along with your plans for the future. Please comment on your nomination.

V. SUBMISSION

Mail the completed application along with all letters of recommendation to the Indiana State Council Youth Director

Signed *Barbara J. Marston*
(Nominee)

Signed *Kevin J. O'Farrell* Council Number 7431
(Grand Knight)

Signed *Kevin J. O'Farrell*
(Council Youth Director)

SUBMIT TO: Youth Director
COPIES TO: District Deputy
Council Files

Sarah Swanson
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

February 23, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to begin by thanking the Knights of Columbus, the Saint Thomas More parish, and Maureen Shea for this opportunity. I have been a member of the Saint Thomas More Church since birth. I was baptized there as a baby, made my First Holy Communion there as a child, spent years and years of Faith Formation there, and as of May 2014, I have confirmed my faith at the Saint Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. I have participated in our churches fundraiser, Apple Fest, for several years. I enjoyed volunteering as a youth counselor at our Vacation Bible School for two years. I have participated in Homeland Mission through the Archdiocese of Indianapolis for two years. These were all great and humbling experiences that helped me grow in my faith in God.

~~I have been raised by a single mother who has always encouraged me to grow in faith and in academics. I have two siblings, a brother and a sister, who both attended church with me throughout my childhood. In addition I have three half-sisters on my father's side. Growing up with a single mom I have learned to be adaptive and to take care of myself and others. This was seen when a few years ago my sister was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. This struck our family pretty hard, but through the work of God she made it out on top. This also helped us grow closer as a family by learning to appreciate what we have now and not allow petty differences to get in the way of our love of each other. We came together as a family to help my sister and support her during her medical treatment. My sister and I had always been close, but during this time we became even closer and I consider her one of my closest friends. Earlier that year my father died from colon cancer. Before he passed away my family and I took a twelve hour drive to see him one last time, as this was one of his last wishes. Unfortunately my father was not around much while I was growing up. The trip to visit him was hard because of this; I felt that since I was not a part of his life, why should I be a part of his death? But with my mom's encouragement, my siblings and I did make the long trip to see him. I feel through this sacrifice I was able to live the lessons of Jesus Christ and forgive and be compassionate, when it is not so easy to do so. In the end my family has taught me many things. Mostly my mom has taught me love God; love my Catholic faith; and if you are to give, give with a happy heart.~~

I am currently a Senior at Mooresville High School in Mooresville Indiana. I am working on earning my Academic Honors Diploma. I am ranked 66 out of 365 students at Mooresville High School. I am a fully committed member of our high school band. I am a member of

Pioneer Regiment, Concert Band, and Pep Band. In the past I have been a member of Full Orchestra, Jazz Band, and Pit orchestra. I am also in the school's orchestra. I can play a total of four instruments including flute, piccolo, mellophone, and violin. I am taking three AP classes this year which are, AP Spanish, AP Physics, and AP Music Theory. I am also been a member of National Honor Society.

I plan on attending IUPUI to pursue a career in civil engineering. I chose that path because the school is close by. Civil engineering is a very stable career and I believe I will make a great career out of it with all the problem solving and physics involved. I am also told that there are great opportunities for women in the science fields.

Thank you for your time and for considering me for this scholarship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Swanson". The ink is dark and the writing is fluid.

Sarah Swanson

February 28, 2017

Dear Sir or Madam:

Sarah Swanson is an exceptional student at Mooresville High School. She is respected academically and socially by her teachers and peers. Sarah has been very active in the band program at Mooresville. She participates in marching band, concert band and pep band. Swanson was also a strong student leader. Sarah is an exemplary role model who is always willing to do what needs to be done, when it needs to be done whether she wants to do it or not.

I have known Sarah for six years and I am comfortable recommending her for any academic scholarship to assist with her further endeavors in post-secondary education.

Sincerely,

Jason Freeman

Jason Freeman
Director of Bands
Mooresville High School

February 27, 2017

Re: Sarah Swanson

To whom it may concern:

My name is Maureen Shea and I am the Coordinator of Music and Liturgy at St. Thomas More Parish in Mooresville. I have known Martha and her family since they came to St. Thomas More in 1998. I have enjoyed watching her 3 children grow into beautiful adults.

Sarah was an altar server at an early age and served for several years. She helped with our Vacation Bible School several years and was/is very good with the younger children. She is a very fun-loving young woman with a bubbly, enthusiastic personality.

Sarah also volunteered with our Applefest several years and was a participant in the Homeland Mission with the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Sarah is also a very talented musician. She has been involved with the Mooresville High School Marching band, Concert Band, Pep Band and Orchestra. She also mentors new band students and has played flute at St. Thomas More as well.

Sarah is a member of the National Honor Society and is a former member of Venture Scouts.

Sarah is a beautiful, sweet young woman!

Sincerely,

Maureen Shea