

Knights of Columbus

Fr John S. Hannon Council 5297

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Circleville, Ohio 43113

Dear Principal/Guidance Counselor:

Father John S. Hannon Council 5297, Knights of Columbus, Circleville, solicits your nomination(s) for the Annual James T. Shea Memorial Award.

In 2023, a grandson of Mr. Shea moved back to his hometown of Circleville. Shortly after his return, he inquired about the scholarship honoring his grandfather with a few members of The Knights of Columbus. We have learned from his grandson, that Mr. James T. Shea, was a Circleville resident and a better-than-average student-athlete at Circleville High School. He was a veteran of both World Wars, a sharpshooter in WW1 and an accountant in WW2. Mr. Shea was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #5297, and his Catholic faith was especially important to him. Mr. Shea died in 1963.

This scholarship is a memorial to honor the legacy of Mr. James T. Shea. Keeping this in mind, Mr. Shea's family had asked that the Knights of Columbus slightly alter our awarding requirements in a manner which more closely align with those values that Mr. Shea held dear.

1. The first of the changes reflects the importance of faith in the student-athlete's life. Therefore, the committee now requests a letter of recommendation from the Pastor or Youth Minister, which affirms the faith-life of the student.
2. Second, the family's intent is to try and provide financial assistance to a student-athlete with need for assistance. Therefore, each student will need to furnish a copy of their FAFSA Student Aid Report as part of the application.
3. Finally, as mentioned Jim Shea was a sharpshooter in WW1, and he continued to hone his marksmanship skills throughout his life. Marksmanship was something he enjoyed and valued, in keeping with Jim's ideals, students who participate in competitive shooting sports will be given additional consideration.

The Shea Award honors a Senior scholar-athlete and now carries a **\$500.00 scholarship renewable for four years**. In addition to the three points mentioned above, the recipient must also be a senior Honor Roll Student and have earned at least one varsity letter.

Please return the enclosed forms (make additional copies as needed) by **5:00 PM – Friday March 21, 2025** to:

Mail to:

Steve Ford

1324 Northridge Road

Circleville, OH 43113

Thank you for your continued interest, efforts, and support of our youth!

Steve Ford

Shea Scholarship Committee Chairperson

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James T. Shea Award

Student Form

Scholastic Achievement:

Athletic achievements and high school sports you have participated in:

Church attended and activities you participate in at church:

Community activities you participate in:

Signature _____ Date _____

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Advisor's/Coach's/Athletic Director's Statement

Name of Student: _____ School _____

Attitude during performance:

Attitude toward peers:

A statement about student's moral character:

Other comments:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

James T. Shea Award

Pastor's Statement

Name of Student: _____ School _____

Dear Pastor/Youth Minister,

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Is a regular attendee and in good standing with your church. What do these statements look like for this student:

Faith in God is an important part of this students' life. In what ways does this student live out their faith in God:

Name: _____ Church: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____