

Knights of Columbus

**Fr John S. Hannon Council 5297
P.O. Box 38
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. Mr. 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.

The Shea Award honors a Senior scholar-athlete and carries a **\$500.00 scholarship renewable for four years.** The recipient must

1. Senior Honor Roll Student
2. Earned at least one varsity letter
3. Statement from Athletic Director or Coach
4. Reflecting the importance of faith to Mr. Shea, the student-athlete will need a letter of recommendation from the Pastor or Youth Minister affirming the faith-life of the student.
5. Mr. Shea's family seeks to provide need-based financial assistance, please include pages 1 & 2 FAFSA Student Aid Report which includes the Student Aid Index (SAI).

In addition, 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.

Please return the enclosed forms (make additional copies as needed) by **5:00 PM – Friday March 6, 2026**, 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 students' moral character:

Other comments:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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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: _____