

The Charlotte Knights STEM Scholarship Program

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The Charlotte Knights and Piedmont Natural Gas are committed to supporting education in our communities. To improve educational funding for high school students interested in pursuing a career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), the Knights and Piedmont Natural Gas have committed to providing three (3) \$1,000 college scholarships to local high school students.

ELIGIBILITY

- High school senior enrolled in one of the following North or South Carolina counties: Cabarrus, Catawba, Chester, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lancaster, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Union or York County
- Must be attending an accredited institution of higher education in the Fall of 2017
- Cumulative un-weighted grade point average of at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale
- Minimum SAT score of 1800 (based on a 2400 scale), a 1200 SAT score (based on a 1600 scale) or 26 ACT score
- Member of *at least one* sports team at your high school or other extracurricular activity
- Heavy involvement in the community or multiple hours of volunteer experience
- Must declare a major within the STEM field (Science, Technology, Engineering or Math), or have demonstrated an interest in pursuing a career in these areas.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Complete application includes the following items:

- **Application Form**

(Note: Applicants must fill out all sections completely for consideration. Please submit application questions to the email or physical address below.)

- **Transcript**

(Note: Transcripts are to be sent directly to the Charlotte Knights by your current academic institution, or if sent by the applicant, must be sent in a sealed envelope and stamped or signed by school official across the seal.)

- **One Letter of Recommendation**

(Note: Applicants must have faculty member who can attest to the applicant's capabilities. Recommendation letter may be submitted directly to the Charlotte Knights or, if submitted by the applicant, may be in a sealed envelope and signed by the writer's signature across the seal.)

- **Documentation of Community Service**

(Note: Applicants must complete form included in this packet and have it signed by their community service site supervisor.)

Complete application must be submitted by the **Friday, May 5th** deadline to The Charlotte Knights address listed below:

Charlotte Knights
Annual Scholarship
324 South Mint Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

APPLICATION

Please answer all questions carefully and accurately. Only typed or clearly printed applications will be accepted.

Name: _____
First MI Last

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone Number: (_____)

Email: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

A certified copy of your transcript must be included with your application, either by separate mail or enclosed with printed copy of your application.

High School Name: _____

High School City/State: _____

High School Phone Number: _____

High School Graduation Date: _____

What institution of higher education will you attend this fall?

What is your declared major? If not yet declared, please describe your intended major and course of study. _____

ACTIVITIES / AWARDS

In addition to providing information below, you may choose to include attachments to show special recognition, projects, etc.

High School Activities: *(Include technical activities such as math club, science club, local or state science fairs, and non-technical activities such as athletic teams, service club, and publications sponsored by your high school.)*

Honors/ Awards (not listed in previous section): *(Indicate special recognition, academic honors, or other special achievements. Describe what you did to earn the recognition.)*

Community Activities: *(Include activities not sponsored by your high school such as Scouts, religious, 4H, Junior Achievement, and leadership in other community organizations. Indicate your length of involvement and significant contributions.)*

Last Word: *Is there anything else you would like us to know about you? (Special achievements not already covered, hobbies, or any other information which might be useful to us in considering your application.)*

ESSAYS

Please limit your answers to each question to approximately 250 words.

Question #1: Describe why you are pursuing an academic and career path in your declared major.

Question #2: Describe the importance of STEM in today's society.

Question #3: Why do you deserve to be the recipient of this scholarship?

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR'S REPORT

_____ has applied for the 2017 Charlotte Knights STEM Scholarship Program presented by Piedmont Natural Gas. In that regard, please provide in the space below a brief synopsis of the applicant's character, giving special consideration to his/her intelligence, ability to deal with others, ambition and chances of success in college and life in general. Also, please add any community/volunteer organizations you are aware of this applicant's involvement in and to what extent they are involved in each organization. Any information provided will be considered confidential and used by the members of the Scholarship Committee in reviewing the candidate's application.

Please enclose the following:

Official Transcript

Copy of SAT or ACT

(If not taken, please specify when) _____

Grade point average _____

Class Rank _____

Name of School

Location of School

Phone Number

Name of Academic Advisor

Signature of Academic Advisor

Date

DOCUMENTATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Date(s) of Service	Name of Organization	Description of Volunteer Duties	Total Hours Volunteered	Site Supervisor: Printed Name & Signature

What did you learn from your community service experience?