

New Jersey Columbian Charities Fraternal Assistance Program

Purpose

The New Jersey Columbian Charities Fraternal Assistance Program provides support to New Jersey Knights of Columbus who are suffering financial hardship due to unemployment, sickness, family medical and hospital bills, overdue rent or mortgage payments, property tax, food, clothing, and losses due to fire, flood or storm. It is based on the principle of charity, the first principle of our Order, and fulfills Father McGivney's mandate of Brother helping Brother.

Eligibility

Any member of a New Jersey Council with at least twelve months good standing who is in need of temporary assistance and the widows and orphans of such members are eligible.

Procedures for Applying for Financial Assistance

1. If you are or you know someone in need of assistance, please notify the Council's Grand Knight. If possible, the Grand Knight should consider providing assistance through a council based program if one exists. If there is unmet need, the Grand Knight should contact the Fraternal Assistance Program Administrator at NJCCFraternalAssistance@njkofc.org to obtain a copy of the application form. Only the Grand Knight can obtain the form. Prior to requesting the application, the Grand Knight must confirm that the member is in good standing.
2. Upon receiving the application, the Grand Knight will assign a Trustee of the Council to serve as the Investigator. The Investigator calls on the Brother requiring assistance, investigates his problem, fills out the application, and obtains the applicant's signature.
3. The Investigator then drafts a report explaining in detail the distressed financial condition of the Brother and family, attaches it to the application, and forwards the application and other pertinent information to the Grand Knight of the Council.
4. The Grand Knight and Financial Secretary of the Council must determine that the application is meritorious and affix their signatures to the form before sending the application to the Program Administrator at NJCCFraternalAssistance@njkofc.org or 28 Great Oak Road, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690.
5. All applications will be reviewed by the Program Screening Committee. The Committee reserves the right to reject, approve, set limits, and set conditions on any and all applications.

Financial Assistance

All financial assistance is provided in the form of a grant. There is no requirement that the grant be repaid.

Confidentiality

All information received by the Grand Knight is strictly confidential and is not to be shared with other members of the Council.