

Columbian Award

Requirements

United States and Canada

The Columbian Award recognizes council excellence in programs and activities aligned with the vision of our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, and the mission of the Knights of Columbus. To earn the award, councils must complete the requirements listed below and submit an online application form by June 30.

Please note that requirements differ between councils in the United States / Canada and all other jurisdictions. These requirements are for councils in the United States and Canada.

- **Requirement 1** – Donate at least \$500 as part of one of the following Faith in Action programs: ASAP (cash or item value), Food for Families (cash or 1,000 lb/ 450 kg of food), RSVP, or Coats for Kids.
- **Requirement 2** – Complete 4 Faith in Action programs, one in each of the following categories: Faith, Family, Community, Life. You cannot claim programs / activities already submitted for requirement 1.
 - To qualify as Faith in Action programs, the council must run programs similar to those described in the [Faith in Action Program Guidebook](#).
- **Requirement 3** – Complete 3 programs / activities: one to bring men closer to Christ, one to build fraternity (strengthen the bonds of friendship between the men of your council and/or parish) and one to support your parish or community. These programs / activities can be unique to the council and do not need to be Faith in Action programs. You cannot claim programs / activities already submitted for requirements 1 and 2.
 - **Conducting Cor satisfies all three of the program/activity criteria for requirement 3.** Councils must implement and sustain Cor gatherings that feature prayer, formation, and fraternity at least once per month. To qualify, Cor must be implemented starting on or before April 1 with plans for long-term sustainability.
 - Cor may be held in conjunction with an additional men's ministry and pull from non-KofC content.
 - For additional information on Cor and its structure, visit kofc.org/corleaders, view the [Cor Startup Videos](#) and [Cor Leader Guide](#), and contact your State EFF Director.
 - If you choose this option, you must include the name and email address of your council Evangelization and Faith Formation (EFF) Director.

The application can be found at kofc.org/forms or by clicking the link below.

Apply for the Columbian Award

