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## **National Catholic Committee on Scouting Announces Scholarships**

### ***Eli Ramthun Awarded \$2,000 College Scholarship***

**Rociada, NM** – Eli Ramthun from Hudson, WI has been awarded a \$2000 Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarship by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS). He belongs to St. Patrick's Catholic Church in the Diocese of Superior and is a member of Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Troop 9148 in the North Star Scouting Council. This year ten service scholarships totaling \$27,000 were awarded nationwide to recognize scouts for outstanding service and leadership in four areas: Church, community, school and Scouting.

Ramthun truly embodies the idea of servant leadership. When asked why volunteering is important to him, he responded, "*I have come to appreciate and learned the importance of the Scout Oath of 'help other people at all times'... That along with my strong Catholic faith has taught me that volunteering and serving is a sign of God's love, has made volunteering a foundation of who I am and who I strive to be.*"

In service to the Catholic Church, Ramthun has earned the Ad Altare Dei religious emblem offered by NCCS and served as an altar server, choir member and youth group leader. He also volunteered at parish events and served as a Vacation Bible School teacher.

Ramthun helps in the Hudson community by serving at the local food bank and in cleanup programs. He assists elderly neighbors with snow removal, packs food for children in need and serves as a community lifeguard.

At Hudson High School, Ramthun was a member of the National Honor Society and contributed 800 hours to his school chorus. In sports, he served as captain of the swim team and as a member of the baseball team.

In Scouting, Ramthun currently serves as Assistant Scoutmaster for his troop. He was his troop's Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and served as Patrol Leader, Quartermaster and Chaplain. He is a Member of the Order of the Arrow, BSA's honor society and has served twice as crew leader at Florida National High Adventure Sea Base. For his Eagle Scout project

Ramthun led a team of Scouts to remove and replace St. Patrick School's flagpole and landscape the surrounding areas. When he started digging, he learned through the demonstration of servant leadership that the other Scouts quickly jumped in to help. Ramthun felt the project challenged him to grow as a leader, a communicator, a listener and a motivator.

To be eligible to apply for the National Catholic Committee on Scouting Scholarships, the Scout must be Catholic, earned the Ad Altare Dei and/ or Pope Pius XII Awards, and received either the Eagle Scout, Summit or Quartermaster Award. A complete list of award recipients, eligibility requirements and applications can be found at <https://nccs-bsa.org/college-scholarships/>. NCCS Scholarship recipients have been chosen because they are committed to making a difference for good in the world through service and leadership.

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**For more information on NCCS Scholarships and Catholic Scouting:**

NCCS Website: <https://nccs-bsa.org/>

NCCS Scholarship Page: <https://nccs-bsa.org/college-scholarships/>

Catholic Scouting Website affiliated with NCCS: <https://catholicscouting.com>