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

### ***Nicholas J. Mahoney Awarded \$2,000 College Scholarship***

**Rociada, NM** – Nicholas J. Mahoney from Lewisburg, PA has been awarded the Tony & Patrice Steenkolk Family Scholarship by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS). He belongs to Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in the Diocese of Harrisburg and is a member of Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop No. 538 in the Susquehanna 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.

Mahoney truly embodies the idea of servant leadership. When asked why volunteering is important to him, he responded, *“My first-grade teacher made it clear that joy comes from serving ‘Jesus, Others, then Yourself.’ This message has stuck with me throughout my life. Serving Jesus and others before myself is how I strive to live each day, and volunteering my time and talent helps me to know that I am serving the Lord by caring for His people.”*

In service to the Catholic Church, Mahoney has earned all four of the religious emblems offered by NCCS. At his parish, he was an altar server, choir member, usher, member of the youth group and a retreat leader. He has supported Birthright and Helping Hands charities in his diocese, volunteering his time and leading donation drives. In 2022, the Diocese of Harrisburg awarded him the St. Cyril and Methodius Servant Leader Award.

In his community, Mahoney volunteered for Toys for Tots, the Union County Food Bank, Relay for Life, American Legion public events and Wreaths Across America. Mahoney also contributed many hours to community cleanups and local and state parks projects, as well as planting trees at Lewisburg Memorial cemetery and helping rebuild the steps at the sports complex for Lewisburg School District.

At Lewisburg Area High School, Mahoney served on student council all four years, was class president for three and a member of the National Honor Society. He was state runner-up and a two-time national qualifier for Future Business Leaders of America. Mahoney was a varsity team

member of his school's golf and soccer teams, and among many honors was a Top 10 State Finalist for golf.

In Scouting, Mahoney has served as Quartermaster, Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. He was recognized with Vigil Honors in the Order of the Arrow, BSA's Honor Society. For his Eagle Scout project, Mahoney oversaw the reconstruction of a flag retirement mailbox at his local American Legion Post, and shared information about the mailbox, along with proper flag usage and disposal etiquette. He unveiled the reconstructed mailbox at a special Veterans Day community ceremony with the American Legion Post and his troop helped respectfully retire old, tattered flags brought in by community members. Since the completion of his Eagle Scout project in November 2019, over 800 flags have been properly retired. The cooperative work between the American Legion Post and Mahoney's Scout troop continues to this day.

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

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

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