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National Catholic Committee on Scouting Announces Scholarships

Salvatore Aloisio Awarded \$3000 College Scholarship

Rociada, NM – Salvatore Aloisio from Mankato, MN has been awarded the \$3,000 Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarship by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS). He belongs to Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester and is a member of Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Troop 3384, in the Northern Star 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.

Aloisio truly embodies the idea of servant leadership. When asked why volunteering is important to him, he responded, "*Volunteering has been important to me since I was little...it is a way of giving back to my community...I cannot express enough how much volunteering means to me. The satisfaction that comes with every minute of it is something that cannot be replicated doing anything else.*"

In service to the Catholic Church, Aloisio earned all four of the religious emblems offered by NCCS. He is a third-degree member of the Knights of Columbus, a member of the youth group, and a Confirmation sponsor. He served three years as a retreat leader and Vacation Bible School teacher and over 400 hours at parish events. In 2019, Aloisio initiated and organized a parish group to attend the National March for Life. It was so well received the parish sent another group in 2022 and Aloisio participated for a second time.

Active in his community, Aloisio has been involved in numerous activities through the Knights of Columbus, his school's Key Club and as an adult member of the Boy Scouts of America. Through these organizations, he has volunteered at blood drives, provided meals for widows, seminarians and supporters of the pro-life movement. He has been active in fundraisers for local and national nonprofit organizations such as, Options for Women, Special Olympics, Catholic schools, the Echo Food Shelf, Friendship Ventures, Good Counsel Learning Center, Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, Pro Life Across America, Birthright and the Thomas More Catholic Newman Center in Mankato. In addition, he has been active in community

cleanup programs, planted trees for an erosion prevention project and volunteered over 400 hours at Minneopa State Park. Aloisio also assisted 15 other Scouts with their Eagle Scout projects.

At Loyola Catholic School, Aloisio is a member of National Honor Society, Key Club and Yearbook staff. He has been on the Varsity Basketball team for four years and competes in Knowledge Bowl. He is also a talented musician who plays in the concert band and the Mankato Area Youth Symphony. He has served as a student conductor and a section leader.

Aloisio is an outstanding Scout who has earned all 139 merit badges. He has held various leadership positions in his troop, such as Troop Chaplain, Scribe, Quartermaster, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader and is the current Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 3384. Aloisio is a member of the Order of the Arrow (OA), BSA's honor society. He helped start a Cub Scout Pack and mentored other Scouts as a Junior Merit Badge Counselor. Aloisio began researching his Eagle Scout project in 2019, to learn about prairie restoration at Minneopa State Park. He built 51 bee houses for use at the park to help encourage prairie wildflower pollination and monitored them throughout the year. He has continued to expand his project with additional ways to restore the prairie, including educating the public through presentations and flyers. He presented his project to the Mankato City Council and spoke with State Senators about conservation. Aloisio now serves as an Ambassador for the City of Mankato.

Aloisio plans to attend Minnesota State University in the fall of 2023.

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>