Joshua Royal Awarded $4000 Scholarship

Irving, TX - Date - Joshua Royal, of Omaha, NE, has been awarded a $4,000 scholarship by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting® (NCCS) through the Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarship Fund. He is a member of St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Omaha. This year eight service scholarships totaling $22,000 were awarded nationwide to recognize scouts for outstanding service and leadership in four areas: Church, Community, School and Scouting.

When asked why volunteering is important to him, Joshua responded, “Volunteering has been a big part of my life...I enjoy helping others, in any way possible. One thing that I keep in mind is that I do not know what others are going through and even if I help in a small way it could have a huge positive impact in their lives.” Joshua has earned three of the religious emblems offered by the NCCS, Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, and Ad Altare Dei. He has also been involved in his parish as an altar server, lector, choir participant and with the Food Pantry Ministry Team.

Community service is where Joshua really makes a difference in the lives of others. He has provided over 1200 hours of volunteer service and has assisted those in need through the Heart Ministry Center, Lolo’s Angels which serves families affected by pediatric cancer, the VA Hospital, Omaha Food Bank, Emergency Pregnancy Services and Siena Francis House for the homeless. Through his high school, Creighton Prep, he has supported drug-free programs, volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and helped with Hurricane Harvey disaster relief. He has also worked with Offutt Air Force Base and the American Red Cross. Joshua serves as a Lifeguard and helps coach the Warriors and Little Jays Wrestling Teams.

At Creighton Prep, Joshua has been a member of Student Council all four years, including Committee Executive. He tutors at Lewis and Clark Middle School and was a student mentor for Big Brothers. Joshua participated in Campus Ministry, Prep for Students Live, Debate, Model UN and is the head of finance for the STEM Club. He is also a member of the Cross-Country Team, Bowling Team, and Trap Shooting Team.

In Scouting, Joshua has held numerous leadership positions including Troop Guide, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, and currently Junior Assistant Scout Master. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow (OA), BSA’s Honor Society and served as OA Staff and an Elongomat which translates as “friend” from the Lenni Lenape indigenous people. Thus, an Elangomat serves as a friend to the OA Candidates. He received the OA Arrowmen Service Award and the Lifesaving Award. In addition, Joshua is a Sea Scout and has served as Crew President, Boatswain’s Mate and a High Adventure Crew Leader.

For his Eagle Scout Project, Joshua created a prayer garden for the Poor Clare Sisters of Omaha. The garden included a paved walking path, garden area, benches, and markers along the path. He coordinated 400 volunteers, collaborated with an architectural firm to create the site plans, raised $13,564.00 through the Knights of Columbus, contributors to the Sisters and a GoFundMe page to complete the project. Joshua plans to attend Creighton University.

To be eligible to apply for the Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarship, 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 online at [http://nccs-bsa.org/index.php/college-scholarship](http://nccs-bsa.org/index.php/college-scholarship). Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scholarship recipients have been chosen because they are committed to making a difference for good in the world through service and leadership. These young people, like Joshua Royal, are certain to enrich our future.