



**Knights of  
Columbus**  
Charitable Fund®

# **Faith in Action and KCCF Council Accounts**





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# INTRODUCTION

Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund, also known as KCCF, is an independent nonprofit public charity that sponsors a donor-advised fund program and other charitable planning tools. One of these is the Council Account, a donor-advised fund specially tailored for a state or local Knights of Columbus Council.

Designed by Knights for Knights, the Council Account provides a simple way for councils to maximize its ability to provide charitable support, including through the Order's Faith in Action programs.

## Features of a KCCF Council Account include:

- A customized Giving Link, allowing Council members and supporters to make credit card or online check contributions directly into the Council Account.
- Contributions into the Council Account are potentially tax-deductible, with KCCF staff providing each donor a gift acknowledgement letter.
- The charitable assets are managed by Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors (KoCAA) according to an asset allocation determined by the Council, potentially growing the fund tax free.
- The council recommends grants from their Council Account to 501c3 public charities<sup>1</sup>, including those connected to the Order's Faith in Action programs.

The Council Account can be a powerful tool for Councils looking to increase its charitable impact and programming. Here are the Faith in Action programs that are best suited for use with a KCCF Council Account:



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<sup>1</sup> Some churches are not registered as their own 501c3 public charity but do qualify to receive grants from KCCF.

## ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE



Councils can collect donations utilizing their KCCF Council Account and then recommend a grant to fund ultrasound machines for pregnancy resource centers as part of the Order's Ultrasound Initiative. Supreme will cover 50% of the cost of an ultrasound machine if the council(s) raises the other 50%. Supreme will also donate 100% of the cost of an ultrasound machine if the council(s) raises 100% of the cost of a mobile ultrasound unit (vehicle).

Councils must submit a completed diocesan evaluation form (#10715) and follow the normal policies of the Ultrasound Initiative to qualify. Final applications for matching funds from Supreme must be requested through an Ultrasound Application signed by the state deputy and accompanied with a price quote for the ultrasound machine. Matching funds from Supreme for the ultrasound machine will be paid to the pregnancy resource center. Review the Ultrasound Initiative Guidebook for more information.

## ASAP (AID AND SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY)

Councils can collect donations utilizing their KCCF Council Account and then recommend a grant in support of eligible pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes as part of the ASAP program. For every \$500 granted, Supreme will donate an additional \$100 (max \$400 per \$2,000 granted per organization supported) to that organization.

Councils must review the grant instructions and complete an application found at [kofc.org/asap](http://kofc.org/asap) to request the additional funds from Supreme through ASAP. A copy of the Grantee Letter (found in the Grant History section of the KCCF Donor Portal) can be submitted along with the application as supporting documentation, rather than a cancelled check or donation receipt letter.

Pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes must be registered 501c3 public charities to be eligible for a grant from a KCCF Council Account.



## COATS FOR KIDS



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If a state council is collecting donations for the Coats for Kids program through a KofC State Council 501c3 public charity, councils may collect donations utilizing their KCCF Council Account and then recommend a grant to the state charity. Please note not all states have a state council 501c3 charity.

The Supreme Council will match any purchase made by the state council on Knightsgear.com, doubling the total number of coats purchased. Councils can contact their state council to learn how to participate in its state-wide Coats for Kids program.

Individual councils cannot purchase Coats with a KCCF Council Account.

## OTHER PROGRAMS

Councils can collect donations utilizing their KCCF Council Account and then recommend a grant to the Special Olympics, American Wheelchair Mission, Knights of Columbus Persecuted Christians Fund, and other related Faith in Action program beneficiaries to earn program credit towards the Columbian Award.

Councils can also recommend grants to parishes in support of Cor and Faith programs such as Sacramental Gifts, Holy Hours, Spiritual Reflections as well as other devotions and charitable programs within the parish.

Please note that the KCCF Council Account cannot issue grants to seminarians as part of the RSVP program.

***Questions about Council Accounts through KCCF?***

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