

Will Kenny Sci-Tech Scholarship

This scholarship is given to honor the memory of Will Kenny. Will was an 8th grader at St. Vincent de Paul Grade School who loved working with his hands to build things, especially robots. Will's passion for robotics and technology was a large part of his personality, and he was excited to know that Peoria Notre Dame has a strong robotics team. While Will left us far too early, his family wants to build his legacy by offering a scholarship to an 8th-grade student who shares Will's passion for science and technology, especially robotics.

This scholarship is open to 8th-grade students enrolled in any Catholic grade school in central Illinois. It is not open to homeschooled students. The scholarship will provide \$1,000 for tuition at Peoria Notre Dame High School for the 2026-27 school year.

Select an item or theme that interests or fascinates you. Be creative and thoughtful in your answers to the following questions:

- **Tell us a story of your dream robot. What is it made of? What is the robot's intended use? How will the robot help humans?**
- **What differentiates you from other students who apply for this scholarship? Use this to tell us something about you that we cannot see by looking just at your grades or test scores.**

Rules

The Will Kenny Sci-Tech Scholarship is open to any student in a Catholic grade school's 8th grade class. Homeschooled students are not eligible. Open to residents of Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford counties.

Entrants must have permission from their parents or legal guardians to enter the competition.

All submissions must be the original work of the student submitter, and all entries must follow the contest's rules.

There are no fees to submit an entry for the application.

Your submission must be typed and no longer than 1,000 words.

The entrant's parents or legal guardians agree that any student submissions, including the winning submission, may be published and portions used for promotional purposes with their students' names, grades, ages, and schools.

No entries will be accepted after 3:30 p.m. central time, December 5, 2025. Submissions should be emailed to c.dermody@pndhs.org. They can also be dropped off at school or postmarked by December 5, 2025. Cindy Dermody, Director of Advancement at Peoria Notre Dame, will forward the submissions to the judging panel. Peoria Notre Dame is not responsible for technical glitches, server issues, connectivity, or any other possible issue that may prevent your entry. Enter at the last minute at your own risk. Avoid this risk and enter early.

Contest entries will be blind judged on the innovative and compelling nature of the answer to the essay question presented. Delegates of the Will Kenny Sci-Tech Scholarship will judge contest entries. Judges will remain anonymous. All decisions are final.

Student's Name	
Student email	
Social Media Handles	
Parent/Guardian Name	
Parent/Guardian email	
Student's Address	
Age	
Current School	
School's Address	
School's Phone	
Teacher Reference Name	
Teacher Email	

I, the parent or guardian of _____ have read the rules and accept them. If he or she is selected as the recipient, I agree to use of their name and photo in announcing the Will Kenny Sci-Tech Scholarship.

Signature of parent or guardian

Date