



Knights of Columbus Catholic Essay Contest Council Guidelines

Eligibility:

- ◇ The State Council Essay Contest is open to all Catholic students in grades eight through twelve in public, private, and parochial schools.

Timetable:

- ◇ September to December: Councils order the Knights of Columbus essay contest kits from Supreme Council Office. Councils should then contact Religious Education Programs in the area as well as publish announcements of the contest in local parish bulletins.
- ◇ January to February: Councils judge essays submitted and make appropriate awards to the contest winners.
- ◇ March: Councils submit first place essays in each category no later than March 1 to the State Council essay committee for judging. There are 2 judging categories: 8 and 9th graders, 10 through 12th graders.
- ◇ April 15: State Council winning essays submitted to Supreme for international judging
- ◇ May: State Council makes awards to the first, second, and third place winners in each category at the Annual State Convention. Winners and their families will be invited to the Sunday morning awards breakfast.

Essay Theme and Topic:

- ◇ The theme of the essay contest is ***“The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society.”*** The topic to be discussed in the essay is inspired by the words of Pope John Paul II, ***“Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights - for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture - is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic fundamental right and condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination.”***

Guidelines:

- ◇ essays must reflect the assigned theme and topic, and be submitted by the published deadline.
- ◇ essays are to be the students original work.
- ◇ essays must be typed on 8 1/2” x 11” paper, one sided, double spaced, with 1” margins.
- ◇ essays must be between 500 and 750 words.
- ◇ students name should appear only on the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest form which should be stapled to the essay
- ◇ all entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus and will not be returned.

Councils are to submit winning essays no later than March 1 to:

James W. Ciaglo, Catholic Essay Chairman
565 Old Hartford Rd.
Colchester, CT 06415
860-537-5369



Knights of Columbus Catholic Essay Contest Student Guidelines

Eligibility:

- ◇ The Catholic Essay Contest is open to all eighth through twelfth grade students in public, private, and parochial schools.

Essay Theme and Topic:

- ◇ The theme of the essay contest is ***“The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society.”*** The topic to be discussed in the essay is inspired by the words of Pope John Paul II, ***“Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights - for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture - is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic fundamental right and condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination.”***

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- ◇ essays are to be the students original work.
- ◇ essays must be typed on 8 1/2” x 11” paper, one sided, double spaced, with 1” margins.
- ◇ essays must be between 500 and 750 words.
- ◇ completed essays must be submitted by February 15
- ◇ students name should appear only on the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest form which should be stapled to the essay
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All essays are to be submitted to:



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Suggested Parish Bulletin Announcement:

_____ Council, Knights of Columbus, is sponsoring an essay contest for 8th through 12th graders. The theme of the essay contest is ***“The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society.”*** The topic to be discussed in the essay is inspired by the words of Pope John Paul II, ***“Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights - for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture - is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic fundamental right and condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination.”*** To receive contest rules and entry form contact _____ at _____.

All entries must be submitted to _____ Council by _____.