



Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship 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:

- ◇ **June, 2021 - January 1, 2022:** 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. Councils judge essays submitted and make appropriate awards to the contest winners.
- ◇ **January 5:** Councils submit first place essays in each category no later than March 15 to the State Council essay committee for judging. There are 2 judging categories: Division 1: 8th and 9th graders, Division 2: 10th through 12th graders.
- ◇ **February 15:** State Council wining essays submitted to Supreme for international judging
- ◇ **May 1:** State Council makes awards to the first, second, and third place winners in each category at the Annual State Convention.

All essay contest winners and their parents will be notified prior to the state convention and invited to the Sunday morning breakfast/awards presentations as guests of the Connecticut State Council.

Essay Theme/Topic:

The theme/topic of this years essay contest is: **“Since society has become more secular, what obstacles have you had to overcome to authentically live a life of faith?”**

In an essay of 500-750 words, consider especially those times when it was a challenge to understand why something was happening. Consider also sharing any lessons about faith and hope you or someone you know may have learned from this experience.

Guidelines:

- ◇ essays must reflect the assigned theme/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 January 5 to:

James W. Ciaglo, Catholic Essay Chairman
565 Old Hartford Rd.
Colchester, CT 06415



Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Student Guidelines

Eligibility:

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

Essay Theme/Topic:

- ◇ The theme/topic of the essay contest is:

“Since society has become more secular, what obstacles have you had to overcome to authentically live a life of faith?”

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All essays are to be submitted to:

(local chairmans name and address)



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Suggested Parish Bulletin Announcement:

_____ Council, Knights of Columbus, is sponsoring an essay contest for 8th through 12th graders. The theme/topic of the essay contest is:

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To receive contest rules and entry form contact : _____ at _____.

All entries must be submitted to _____ Council by _____.