



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, 2020 - February 15, 2021:** 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.
- ◇ **March 15:** 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.
- ◇ **April 15:** State Council winning essays submitted to Supreme for international judging
- ◇ **May 2:** 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: **Discuss how trusting in God during a difficult time has helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it.**

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 March 15 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: **“Charity is the theological virtue which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God”** - Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1822

In an essay of 500-750 words, consider what virtue is and think about ways in which you exemplify the virtue of Charity to glorify and reflect the nature of God. This could be at home with your families or in your communities, as you enrich the welfare of others.

Guidelines:

- ◇ essays must reflect the assigned theme/topic, and be submitted by the published deadline to the local K of C Council
- ◇ 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 submitted to local K of Council for judging
- ◇ students name should appear only on the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest form which should be stapled to the essay, please do not put your name on the essay
- ◇ all entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus and will not be returned
- ◇ Deadline for submitting essays is: _____

All essays are to be submitted to:

(local chairmans name and address)



Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

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:

The theme/topic of the essay contest is:

“Charity is the theological virtue which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God” - Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1822

In an essay of 500-750 words, consider what virtue is and think about ways in which you exemplify the virtue of Charity to glorify and reflect the nature of God. This could be at home with your families or in your communities, as you enrich the welfare of others.

To receive contest rules and entry form contact : _____ at

_____.

All entries must be submitted to _____ Council by _____.