



Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest



Rules and Guidelines

1. The Knights of Columbus Essay Contest is open to all Catholic Students, in public, private or parochial schools in grades 8-12 grades.
2. This year's theme 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"**. All essays must be written on this theme.
3. Essay must be the student original work
4. Essay must be typed on an 8 ½ x 11 paper one sided, double spaces with one-inch margins.
5. Essay must be between 500-750 words.
6. The name of the student should only the official Knights of Columbus Essay Contest Entry Form and should be stapled to the essay.
7. The essay will become the property of the Knights of Columbus
8. One winning essay from each grade can advance to the next level of competition.

Essay Information & Resources

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. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 1 Peter 1:8

<https://www.kofc.org/essay>



Deadlines:

September 1, 2020: Order kits from Supreme Council.

November 15, 2020: Deadline for students to submit essays to their Council.

December 5, 2020: Deadline for Council to submit the winners to the Diocesan Administrator.

December 31, 2020: Deadline Form 4126 due to Supreme with a copy to the State Community Director

January 5, 2021: Deadline for Diocesan Administrator to submit winners to State Chairman

January 31, 2021: Deadline for State to submit winners to the Supreme Council.

Judging

Essays will be judged in on a 100-point scoring system.

35 Points content- How clear is the theme presented.

30 Points Grammar- Does the essay reflect proper sentence and paragraph structure and utilize correct spelling.

35 Points Style- Does the essay show creativity, imagination and development of the topic in a compelling style?

All scores will be recorded on the official score sheet.

Diocesan, State, & International Awards

Each Diocesan Winners in each grade level will receive a plaque.

All State Runner-ups in each grade level will receive a \$100 check and a certificate.

All State Winners in each grade will receive a \$200 check and a plaque

All State Winning essays will then compete in the Supreme Essay Contest.

The top international winner in each grade will receive \$300.00

Two runners-up in each grade will receive \$100 each.

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