



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Catholic Citizenship
Essay Contest

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2019-2020

Through the Religious Education class of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, the annual Knights of Columbus Essay Contest is open to all Catholic students in grades eight through twelve. The goal of this contest is to involve young Catholics in civil discourse and instill in them religious and life-affirming values. For this year's essay contest, we ask the applicant to (1) explain what *virtue* means to them and (2) discuss how they live and embody the virtue of *charity* to glorify and reflect the nature of God, in 500-750 words. This embodiment of charity could be the enrichment of the welfare of others at home with family or in the community.

Applicants will be judged on content, grammar, and style. A strong submission should display creativity, imagination, clarity, and conciseness. This is an opportunity for self-exploration, religious growth, and the development of writing and critical thinking skills.

First place winners will be awarded \$50.00, and the runner-up for each grade level will be awarded \$25.00. Certificates of completion will be provided for all applicants. Applicants can expect a decision from the judges by the end of the year.

Essays must be the student's original work. The name of the applicant should appear only on the official Knights of Columbus Essay Contest entry form (i.e. the applicant's name should *not* be on the same page as the essay). Entries will become the property of the Knights of Columbus and will not be returned.

Submission:

The essay and signed entry form can be submitted electronically as .pdf documents to russellptessier@gmail.com. To submit a hard copy, please reach out to Russell Tessier via the contact information below to receive further submission instructions.

Deadline: October 31st, 2019

Any questions can be directed to Russell Tessier at russellptessier@gmail.com or by calling 225-955-4596.

*The Knights of Columbus Essay annual essay contest is sponsored
by the Knights of Columbus Council 10208.*

CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

ENTRY FORM

I wish to enter the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST in the division checked below.
I realize that my entry becomes property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Office.

8TH GRADE
 9TH GRADE
 10TH GRADE
 11TH GRADE
 12TH GRADE

COUNCIL NUMBER _____

 Name of Entrant Date of Birth

 Street Address

 City State/Province Postal Code

 Telephone (Circle one: Home Cell) Email Signature of Entrant

This Section To Be Completed By Parent/Guardian:

Council No. _____

The undersigned hereby request and approve the Entrant's registration and participation in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST. In consideration of such registration and participation, the undersigned hereby agree to hold the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and any of its subordinate units and their officers, members, agents and employees, blameless and without liability, and hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless all of the above mentioned from any and all claims and expenses resulting from or relating to Entrant's said participation. Parent or guardian must sign this form before entrant competes.

Parent/Guardian

Date signed

This Section To Be Completed Knights of Columbus Officials:

Score Sheet

SCORING INSTRUCTIONS: A 100-point scoring system is used to determine winners. Information on Rules and Judging are on other side of this form.

Competition Level	Content – 35 points	Grammar – 30 points	Style – 35 points
Council Total: _____			
District/Regional Total: _____			
Jurisdictional Total: _____			
International Level Total: _____			



(See other side for instructions)

RULES

Essays must reflect the assigned theme and be the student's original work.

Essays must be typed and be between 500 and 750 words in length.

The student's name should appear only on the official Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest entry form, which must be stapled to the essay.

All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus and will not be returned.

JUDGING

Judges (three or more) will be selected by the sponsoring Knights of Columbus council, assembly or circle. Council and/or assembly members, teachers, clergy, civil officials and/or members of the community may serve as judges.

A **100-point scoring system** will be used to determine the winner.

35 Points: Content — How thoroughly is the topic examined?

30 Points: Grammar — How well is the essay written with respect to sentence and paragraph construction?

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

Council's Contact Information

Email a copy of this document to: fraternalmission@kofc.org
(Councils should also retain a copy of this completed form for their files)