

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Entry Form *To be completed by entrant*

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

8th Grade 9th Grade 10th Grade 11th Grade 12th Grade

Name of Entrant

Date of Birth

Street Address

City

State/Province

Postal Code

Telephone Number

Signature of Entrant

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

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.

Witness

Father/Guardian

Date

Mother/Guardian

Score Sheet

This section to be completed by Knights of Columbus officials

Scoring Instructions: Essays will be judged on a 100-point scoring system.

Content (35 points) - How thoroughly is the topic examined?

Grammar (30 points) - How well is the essay written with respect to sentence and paragraph construction?

Style (35 points) - Does the essay show creativity, imagination and development of the topic in a logical and compelling style?

	Content- 35 points	Grammar- 30 points	Style- 35 points	Total Score



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Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

Theme and Topic

The theme of the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest is: “The Importance of Religious Freedom.”

Guidelines

Essays must reflect the assigned theme and topic, and be submitted by the published deadline.

Essays must be the student’s original work.

Essays must be typed on 8 1/2” X 11” paper, one sided, double spaced, with one-inch margins.

Essays must be between 500 and 750 words long.

The student’s name should appear only on the official Knights of Columbus Essay Contest entry form which should be stapled to the essay.

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

Judging

Judges will be selected by the sponsoring Knights of Columbus council, assembly or circle. Council, assembly members, clergy, civic officials and/or members of the community may serve as judges.

Essays will be judged on a 100-point scoring system:

20 points: Overall impression — How well does the essay describe the role of a Catholic citizen in a free society?

30 points: Content — How clearly is the theme presented?

20 points: Grammar — How well is the essay written with respect to sentence structure, paragraph construction and spelling?

30 points: Style — Does the essay show creativity, imagination and development of the topic in a compelling style?

Prizes

The top 3 participants will be invited to a Knights of Columbus meeting where awards will be distributed.