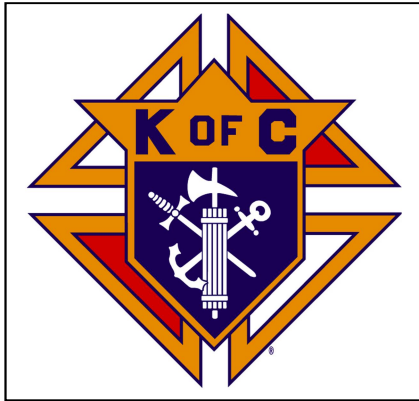


Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

2023



\$500
& \$250
Scholarship for
winning essays

The goal of the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest is to give students the opportunity to define a practicing Catholic in today's society, and to strengthen the bond between the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic students of the community.

This year's theme...

In an essay of 500 - 750 words, explain how young Catholics can evangelize our faith to families and friends who have turned away from religion and encourage them to return to the Church and embrace the sacraments.

Guidelines

Essays must reflect the assigned theme and topic, and be submitted by the published deadline. (April 15th 2023)

Essays must be the student's original work.

Essays must be typed on 8 ½" x 11" paper, one side, double spaced, with one-inch margins, and in English.

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.

The Entry Form must be filled out completely and have all signatures.

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

Judging

Judges will be selected by the Knights of Columbus council 2045. Council members and/or members of the community may serve as judges.

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

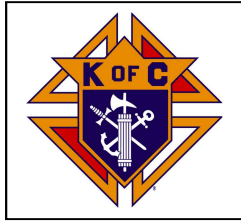
20 points: Overall impression – How well does the essay define the theme?

40 points: Content – How clearly is the theme presented?

40 points: Grammar/Style – How well is the essay written with respect to sentence structure and paragraph construction, spelling, creativity, imagination, and development of the topic in a compelling style?

The Knights of Columbus Essay Contest is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The official responsible for the contest is the Grand Knight and his committee.

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Entry Form

To be completed by entrant

I wish to enter the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ESSAY CONTEST**. I realize that my entry becomes the property of the Knights of Columbus.

Open to all 2023 graduating seniors that are registered at St. Thomas Aquinas.

Name of Entrant _____ Date of Birth _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____ Signature of Entrant _____

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

The undersigned hereby requests and approve the entrant's registration and participation in the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 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/Guardian _____ Date _____

Score Sheet

This section to be completed by Knights of Columbus essay officials

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

Overall Impression (20 points) How well does the essay describe the theme?

Content (40 points) How clearly is the theme presented?

Grammar/Style (40 points) How well is the essay written with respect to sentence structure and paragraph construction, spelling, creativity, imagination, and development of the topic in a compelling style?

Overall Impression – 20 points Content – 40 points Grammar/Style – 40 points Total Score _____

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