



Knights of Columbus 2021 Catholic Citizenship Essay Guidelines

Eligibility

The Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest is open to all Catholic students – in public, private or parochial schools – in grades 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 during the current school year.

Guidelines

- Essays must reflect the assigned theme and topic, and submitted by the published deadline.
- Essays must be the student's original work.
- Essay must be typed on 8 1/2" X 11" paper, **one sided**, double spaced, with one-inch margins.
- Essays must be between 500 – 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.**
- Send essay and the official Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest entry form **by October 23rd** to:
Mail: Sam Gonzalez or **Email:** Gonzalezsam29@gmail.com

84 Bradford Circle
Sugar Land, Tx. 77479

Or drop your essay off at the church office

Theme:

In an essay of 500-750 words, **describe everyday obstacles that you may have experienced or witnessed others experiencing while living a life of authentic faith. Explain how you have overcome these obstacles and how, by doing so, it has helped your faith to continue to grow.**

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." - James 1:2-4

Contest Levels & Awards:

All entrants will receive a certificate of participation.

Council Level – KC 4204 Sugar Land

- Certificates for first, second, and third place winners in each grade
- **\$50⁰⁰** to all first place winners in **each grade**
- First place assays will automatically be forward to the next contest level: District, State, and International.

International Level

There will be a 1st place winner and 2 runner up winners for each grade level.

- 1st Place - **\$300**
- Runner ups - **\$100**

Notifications

- The winners at the council level will be notified by a representative of Knights of Columbus #4204 in November.
- The winners at the International Level will be notified by the Knights of Columbus State Deputy in March 2022.