

Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship ESSAY CONTEST

Open to students in the following grades:

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

Rules:

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

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 form, which must be stapled to the essay (in essence, student name should not be visible on the actual essay).

All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus and will not be returned (keep a copy for yourself, if you'd like).

Judging:

See the official Catholic Citizenship Essay form for scoring rubric.

Essays are DUE back at the Faith Formation Office (attn: Ed Quindipan) before October 24, 2025 so that they may be submitted to the CCOP's Knights of Columbus Council.

Prize at the Council level will range from \$25-\$50 depending on number of Essay submissions. Winners at the Council level will be forwarded to the State level for further consideration.

This year's Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay topic/theme is:

Out of the 267 Popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite Popes and why?

Checklist

_____ Complete Essay

_____ Complete Entry Form, have parent/guardian sign

_____ Submit to the CCOP Faith Formation Office by October 24, 2025

Good Luck!