

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

“The Importance of Religious Freedom”



\$500.00
Scholarship for
the winning
essay

The goal of the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest is to give students the opportunity to define the role of the Importance of Religious Freedom, and to strengthen the bond between the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic students of the community.

The theme of the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest is: “The Importance of Religious Freedom.” As Catholics, we are called to participate in the political life of our country. This can be difficult at times because our beliefs are often misunderstood or unpopular. Also, laws and regulations from our governments can be contrary to our beliefs and threaten to force us to violate our conscience. Discuss the challenges we face in this area, and the importance of religious freedom, as well as the idea of the Catholic in the public square.

Guidelines

Essays must reflect the assigned theme and topic, and be submitted by the published deadline. (May 1, 2018)

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, 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 describe the importance of religious freedom?

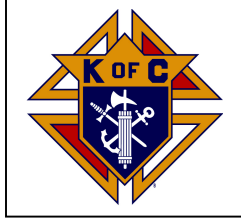
40 points: Content – How clearly is the theme presented?

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 on “The Importance of Religious Freedom”. I realize that my entry becomes the property of the Knights of Columbus.

Open to all 2018 graduating seniors that attend 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 on “The Importance of Religious Freedom” 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 role of a Catholic in society?

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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