



Knights of Columbus

BISHOP RUOCCO COUNCIL, 9275

Participant Information

The Bishop Ruocco Council will be conducting the Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest this fraternal year. The essay contest is a creative way encouraging young people to become citizens who are firmly grounded in the Faith.

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.

Theme

Students are encouraged to write a 500 to 750 word essay on the following topic.

What are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?

Submission of Essays

Students will submit their essays along with the **entry form** by October 31, 2024 to
KofC Council 9275 Essay Contest, 70 Pond Street, Dunstable, MA 01824.

Judging and Awards

Judges will review essays at the council level in November. Our council will be giving a monetary award to the winner of each grade level. Certificates are given to first place winners and certificates of participation all participants. Additional levels of judging of first place winners take place at the district, state, and international levels from December through June with awards and recognition given to winners at the state and international level.

Entry Form

Participants are required to furnish a written parental consent form which may be downloaded from the council website.

<https://knights9275.com>

Scroll down to locate **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest** form.

You may contact the contest chairman Gene Bartos if you have questions at gene.bartos@verizon.net