

Knights of Columbus 2014 Youth Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
St. Mark Highlands Ranch Assembly 2937
Rules and Information



The essay contest is open to all Catholic students from grade 8 through grade 12. The first place winner will be awarded \$250, and \$100 for second place. Participants prepare essays based on a theme taken from Church writings. **This year's theme and topic are:**

Pope Benedict XVI said to youth at a previous World Youth Day "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness!"
Examine and explain what you think he meant by this.

Essays should be between 500 and 750 words in length. The deadline for receiving completed essays is October 31, and judging will be completed by assembly appointed judges during November. Judging is done on a 100-point scoring system. The following general outline should be used in sponsoring the program:

- Essays must reflect the assigned theme and topic, and be submitted by the published deadline.
- Essays must be the student's original work.
- Essays must be typed on 8 1/2" x 11" paper, one side, double spaced, with one-inch margins.
- 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 or otherwise attached to the essay.
- All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus and will not be returned.
- Judges will be selected by the sponsoring Knights of Columbus assembly. Assembly members, clergy, civic officials 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 selected topic?
 - 40 points: Content — How clearly and successfully are the topic/theme examined and presented?
 - 15 points: Grammar — How well is the essay written with respect to sentence structure and paragraph construction and spelling?
 - 25 points: Style — Rated on creativity, imagination and development of the topic in a compelling style.

The completed documents must be received by Friday, **October 31st, 2014** at the following address:

Knights of Columbus
Attn: Jason Thrun
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9905 Foothills Canyon Boulevard
Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

Applications & essays may also be electronically submitted to:

Email: youth@knights1498.org

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Jason Thrun at 303-906-7685 or jethrun@comcast.net.