



# Knights of Columbus

Council#13111

## Essay Contest



The Knights of Columbus are offering awards of up to \$1,500 to Class of 2026 high school graduates from St. Thomas More Parish

- This contest is open to high school seniors from St. Thomas More Parish who have been accepted to a Community College or Four-Year College in the Fall of 2026.
- To enter, simply complete the form below and submit it along your essay (typed, double spaced, with 500 words maximum) responding to all the questions on page 2.

**ENTRY DEADLINE: EMAIL TO: [KOFc13111@YAHOO.COM](mailto:KOFc13111@YAHOO.COM) BY JUNE 8, 2026 AT 11:59 PM**

***PLEASE COMPLETE ALL FIELDS IN THE ENTRY FORM BELOW AND EMAIL IT WITH YOUR ESSAY. YOU CAN COMPLETE IT AND SUBMIT A SCREEN SHOT OR PICTURE TO INCLUDE IN YOUR EMAIL.***

Entrant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Entrant's Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepting College: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE HAVE A PARENT PROVIDE A SIGNATURE & INDICATE A PREFERENCE BELOW:**

**I permit the KofC to contact my child for purposes of this contest**

**I prefer to be contacted directly; do not contact my child directly**

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# Knights of Columbus 2026 Essay Contest

The Knights of Columbus Council #13111 at St. Thomas More invites High School Seniors that are planning to enroll in post-secondary school (community college, college or university) to submit an essay for a possible award toward your college expenses.

Write an essay no longer than 500 words, 12 font, double spaced, to address ALL FOUR of the following questions. All submissions will be checked for insightful and faithful alignment to Catholic teachings. Citations to sources are recommended. Submissions that are plagiarized or have AI generated content will be disqualified from further consideration.

"You are a US elected lawmaker who is a practicing Catholic in good standing. As a legislator:

1. Identify and cite a specific cause to help one or more groups mentioned in [Pope Leo's Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te](#). (25 points)
2. Why is this cause important to Americans? Why should Americans support and vote for this bill? Justify your proposal to sell your advocacy. (25 points)
3. How much money are you proposing to put into the national budget for the next four years? What are you intending to do with that money? Propose one or more SPECIFIC program(s). (25 points)
4. As a personal reflection, why should Catholics accept and promote your message? (Hint: refer to the Beatitudes in Matthew 5, the Parable of the Judgment of the Nations in Matthew 25, the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus in Luke 16). (25 points)

Please email your submission to: [kofc13111@yahoo.com](mailto:kofc13111@yahoo.com) **by June 8, 2026, at 11:59 PM.**