

Catholic Essay Contests

Guidelines relative to competitions in California

CATHOLIC ESSAY CONTESTS Encourage youth to become citizens grounded in their faith through creative writing. Supreme sponsors the annual Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, while the California State Council sponsors two additional essay competitions. Each of these competitions has different timelines.

The first, and perhaps most well-known, is the **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest** sponsored by Supreme. This competition is open to students in 8th grade through 12th grade. The **essay topic** and information about the contest can be found on the Supreme website at the following link: [Essay Contest Information](#). Or by going to the Officers Online portal on the Supreme website and from there going to the Supplies Online link to order or download your kits for the Supreme contest.

As for the **California State Council** Essay Competitions, there are two:

- The first is the **“Keep Christ In Christmas” Essay Competition**, which kicks off in November and runs through the holidays. The topic and deadlines will be announced via email. This competition is open to students in 7th grade through 12th grade.
- And the second is the **“Catholic Stewardship” Essay Competition**, which is open to students in 4th grade through 7th grade. This competition will kick off in the spring. The topic and deadlines will be announced via email.

Timeline for the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest:

July-September — Order Kits from Supreme #EA-KIT50 online as soon as you can. Coordinate with your Pastor, Principal, or Religious Education Director to ensure cooperation with your efforts.

September — Essay contest should begin and include Catholic students in your parish and local parochial schools and Catholic High Schools.

Mid-October — Council-level judging should begin.

Early to Mid-November — Councils should send winning essays to Chapter for judging.

December 18 — Deadline for Chapters to submit winning essays to state for judging.

When the Chapter judging is complete, please send your winning essays, along with the completed and signed Entry Form, to:

SK Peter Tremblay
Essay Contest Chairman
2219 Ranch House Court
Auburn, CA 95603

*You can also send an electronic copy of the essays and entry forms to jptremblayca@gmail.com (**NOTE: the entry forms MUST BE SIGNED by a parent or guardian and MUST INCLUDE the sponsoring council number and contact information with phone number**)*

January 31 — State submits winning essays for each grade level to Supreme and to the State Program Awards Chairman for Awards that will be presented at the State Convention.

* Note: Essays received after the state deadline will be disqualified.

- **Please note: the only set deadlines are for the state and Supreme; the Council and Chapter-level deadlines should be set by each jurisdiction with the foresight to have enough time to complete judging in time to submit the winners to the next level of review.**

Timeline for the Keep Christ in Christmas Essay Contest:

October — State will send out topic and entry forms and post information on the State site at the following link: Keep Christ in Christmas Essay Contest

October-November — Councils sponsor the essay contest with local schools and parishes.

Early January — Council-level judging should begin.

Early February — Councils send winners to the Chapter Essay Contest Chairman.

March 15 — Chapter judging completed, winners sent to the State Essay Chairman.

April 15 — State Essay Chairman sends winners to State Program Awards Chairman for 7th grade through 12th grade winners for awards that will be presented at the State Convention.

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- **Please note: the only set deadline is the state deadline; the Council and Chapter level deadlines should be set by each jurisdiction with the foresight to have enough time to complete judging in time to submit the winners to the next level of review.**

Timeline for the Catholic Stewardship Essay Contest

January — State will send out topic and entry forms to Chapter Chairmen

February — Councils sponsor the essay contest with local schools and parishes.

Early April — Council level judging begins.

Early May — Council sends winners to Chapter Essay Contest Chairman.

June 1 — Chapter judging completed, winners sent to State Essay Chairman

June 30 — State level judging completed.

July 1 — State Essay Chairman sends Winners listing to State Program Awards Chairman for 4th grade through 7th grade winners for awards that will be presented by Chapter Officers to their respective winners.

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For each of these Essay Contests; when the Chapter judging is complete, please send your winning essays, along with the completed and signed Entry Form, to:

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Essay Contest Chairman Contact:

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