



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
STATE OF WISCONSIN
RESPECT FOR LIFE ESSAY CONTEST
STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET**

ELIGIBILITY

Students in grades 7 through 12 of all schools, private and public and home, of any or no religious denomination, are invited to submit an essay related to the theme. Please note, however, that the Knights of Columbus are a devoutly Catholic organization in union with the Roman Pontiff. It is understood by the submitter that the Knights of Columbus can disqualify an essay from the competition for moral or subjective reasons. Competition is with others of the same grade level only.

DEADLINE

Respect for Life essays are to be written in October and submitted to the Council Contest Chairman by November 1.

2008 THEME "A Person Is A Person, No Matter How Small!"

Show how the statement a person is a person no matter how small is a true statement.

RULES

1. The approximate length of essay, in words, for the various grade levels shall be:
Grades 7 & 8 – 250 to 350
Grades 9 & 10 – 300 to 450
Grades 11 & 12 – 450 to 600
2. All essays shall be typed, double-spaced, on 8-1/2 x 11 plain white paper only.
3. NO IDENTIFICATION – neither name nor grade – may appear on the essay. Every essay **MUST have a title**. This title is to be shown on the essay and on the “student Essay Submission Form” which is to be attached to each essay. The **theme** is **not** to be used as the **title**.
4. **ONLY** original work of the participant may be submitted. Quotations and citations of fact may be used, but an expression of your ideas, in your own words, is important.
5. Judges will use the following criteria to score the essay:

Expression of Idea	40 pts.
Factual Correctness	10 pts.
Originality	10 pts.
Relationship to Theme	20 pts.
Grammar, spelling, etc.	20 pts.
6. Any essay scoring under 65 points will be disqualified at any level of competition.
7. The Knights of Columbus may want to publish some essays in bulletins, newsletters, local papers, or other publications. The “Student Essay Submission Form” contains a “consent to publish” section. Please, be sure to indicate “Yes” or “No” and sign. If you agree to publication, please have one parent sign also.
8. Special resources: <http://www.elliottinstitute.org>, www.theologyofthebody.net(click Articles or Documents), <http://www.stemcellresearchfacts.com>, <http://birdcountry.8m.net/bio.html>