

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
ANNUAL YOUTH EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Knights of Columbus of Bishop Steinbock Council 12085 announce annual awards for Catholic high school students who have a record of Christian service above and beyond normal expectations. In order to be considered for this award, the applicant must:

1. Be a student presently enrolled at **Yosemite High School, Minarets High School or Mountain Home Charter School.**
2. Have a record of good conduct.
3. Be a Catholic in good standing.
4. Write a 200 word essay answering the question: **As a Teen, how has my faith grown over the past year (2018-2019)?** (Be careful of spelling and punctuation).
5. Submit additional paper work as required.
6. Be a member registered in **Our Lady of the Sierra Parish, including St. Dominic's Bass Lake and St. Joseph the Worker North Fork.**

The application packet must be submitted in the following order:

1. Completed Knights of Columbus Application Form.
2. Completed 200-word essay.
3. A letter of recommendation from a Faith Formation teacher or someone who knows about your religious commitment first-hand.
4. Proof of Baptism and First Communion (copies of certificates are sufficient).
5. Religious Education attendance record certified by your teacher for the year 2018-2019.

DEADLINE for applications:

Applications must be mailed to: **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**P.O. BOX 3449**  
**OAKHURST CA 93644**

Letters must be post marked after March 1, 2019 and no later than APRIL 13, 2019.

(Mail between March 1, 2019 and April 13, 2019)

Questions: Call Mr. Patrick Tran, Grand Knight – 415-519-7039

Or Mr. James Kirin, Deputy Grand Knight – 559-670-7196

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Dear Catholic Student,

As our way of encouraging you to participate more fully in your parish and community life, your Knights of Columbus will recognize your efforts with financial rewards and a plaque with your name on it to be perpetually displayed in the parish hall at Our Lady of the Sierra Church. This is called the Knights of Columbus ANNUAL YOUTH EXCELLENCE AWARD.

The Award includes: \$200 each to two Seniors, \$100 each to two Juniors, \$50 each to two Sophomores and \$50 to one Freshman. Awards will be in the form of pre-paid cards or gift cards.

We would like to hear from you and your activities on behalf of the Faith in your church and community. Enclosed you will find a sheet describing what will qualify you to be considered for the Youth Excellence Award. It will be necessary, for example, for you to give a description of the things you do for the Faith either in the church or in the community (or both), to write an essay describing how your faith has grown over the past year, and to provide at least one letter of recommendation from a qualified person attesting to your service.

Please read the qualifications document that accompanies this letter. Be careful to fulfill each requirement and keep within the deadlines for application.

Your responses will be screened by a select committee of Knights of Columbus. It will evaluate your qualifications, your responses and the completeness of your response packet. The committee's final decision will be made known on May 15, 2019.

We look forward to hearing from you and wish you and your family the best,

*Patrick Tran*

*Pedro Villa*

*David Villa*

*Richard E Lamentagne*

*Jim Kirin*

*William H. Hammerer, Jr.*

*Tony Tucker*

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Applicant's information:

Name (full name)\_\_\_\_\_

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

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Phone Number:\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents (Guardians)\_\_\_\_\_

Church (check one): Our Lady of the Sierra  St. Dominic  St Joseph

School (check one): Yosemite High School, Minarets High School, Mountain Home  
Charter School .

Grade: Senior  Junior  Sophomore  Freshman.

Date of Baptism:\_\_\_\_\_

Where baptized? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you include a copy of Baptism certificate (circle one): YES NO

Did you include evidence of your First Communion (circle one): YES NO

Did you include your Religious Ed. Attendance record? (circle one): YES NO

In the space below, briefly describe your most outstanding contribution to the Faith within your Faith Community (church) over 2018-2019.

In the space below, briefly describe your most outstanding contribution to the Faith outside your church (community at large) in 2018-2019.

On a separate sheet of paper, submit your 200-word essay on **“As a Teen, how has my faith grown over the past year (2018-2019)?**

Name, address and phone number of person (s) you have asked for a letter of recommendation.

What relationship do you have to this (these) person (s)? Teacher, friend, sponsor, mentor, etc.?

Additional facts you might want to add.