

2019 UOL Essay Contest Topics

Pre-K and Kindergarten: Draw a picture of something you like to do with your family.

Grades 1 and 2: One of the Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit is Compassion. Write 2 to 3 sentences explaining what compassion is and draw a picture of someone showing compassion to something or someone.

Grades 3 and 4: In Proverbs 1: 8-9 the Bible says, “Hear, my son, your father’s instruction, and forsake not your mother’s teaching...” Write 50 to 100 words explaining what this passage means to you.

Grades 5 and 6: One of the seven acts of Spiritual Mercy is to forgive all who injure us. Write 100 to 150 words on how you were taught to do this and how you continue to follow that teaching.

Grades 7 and 8: In Proverbs 20:11 the Bible says, “Even a child makes himself known by his acts, by whether his conduct is pure and upright.” Write 150 to 200 words on how this relates to this year’s convention theme from Proverbs 22:6: “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it” and accepting responsibility for ones actions.

Grades 9 and 10: In John 1:4 the Bible says, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” Write 200 to 250 words on how this relates to this year’s convention theme: “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” – Proverbs 22:6.

Grades 11 and 12: Please write 250 to 500 words on the following topic. As you look forward into the upcoming years and getting ready for college, how do you plan on using what you have learned from your parents and from church teachings in your new environment? How do you plan on staying involved in the church?

Adults 18 and over: Write 500 or more words on the following topic. This year’s convention theme comes from Proverbs 22:6: “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” We have been taught about the Seven Capital Sins and their Opposite Virtues, which are: 1. Pride/Humility 2. Greed/Kindness 3. Lust/Chastity (body and soul) 4. Envy/Charity 5. Gluttony/Liberality 6. Anger/Patience 7. Sloth/Diligence in service and praise of God. In today’s world where pride, love of money and a self-centered universe are the norm, how do we use these virtues as a guideline for training up our children?

CONTEST GUIDELINES AND RULES

1. *Entries must be postmarked by April 30, 2019.*
2. **NO NAMES ON THE FRONT OF ANY ENTRY.**
3. All entries must include the following information: **(PLEASE USE THE COVER PAGE SUPPLIED)**
 - a. Participant's first and last name
 - b. Age and grade in school
 - c. The name and address of participant's parish, including city and state
4. Drawings no larger than 12" x 18" and **NO** name on the front of drawing. Please attach a **COVER PAGE** or use the **BACK** of the drawing for the information listed above. **All drawings MUST be mailed.**
5. Written entries must be on 8 ½" x 11" papers. Include a cover page with the identifying information listed above. Entries for 9th grade and above must be typed or printed.
6. Please do not take pictures of any entries. If you must send a hand printed essay, please mail it or scan it and then email it.

All entries must be submitted in English.

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED FOR CONTENT, CREATIVITY AND NEATNESS.

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER April 30, 2019

Please send entries to

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Cover Sheet for UOL Essay Contest Entries

Name: _____

Parish Name: _____

Parish City and State: _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____

I give permission to the UOL to have my child's essay published in the UOL Bulletin should he/she win.

Parent Name Printed: _____

Parent Signature: _____

 **Adult entries may put Adult in the Age section.** 