



Young Men's Institute  
Forty-Fifth Annual  
Essay Contest

**Cash Prizes to be Awarded:**

	<b>Grades 7-8</b>	<b>Grades 9-12</b>
<b>Grand Prize</b>	\$500.00	\$1000.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$350.00	\$ 800.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$300.00	\$ 600.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$200.00	\$ 400.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$150.00	\$ 300.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$100.00	\$ 200.00
7 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$75.00	\$ 100.00

**Contest Rules:**

**1. Topics**

**7 & 8 Grades** – *Why does God allow crosses (difficulties, hurdles, troubles) in people's lives and tell us about a time when you had to overcome a cross in your young life.*

**9 – 12 Grades** – *Discuss the pros and cons of electronic devices that affect teen's busy schedules and social interactions, as well as any thoughtful suggestions to better manage usage.*

2. Contest is open to any Catholic student (Private or Public School).
3. A Young Men's Institute member or Council must sponsor each student entry.
4. The essay must be original and not more than 500 words.
5. The essay can be word processed, typed, or neatly hand printed.
6. The essay must be accompanied by the information requested by the Entry Form. (See "Entry Form" section)
7. All entries must be received by January 15, 2019.
8. All entries will be judged on content, neatness, grammar, spelling, and adherence to contest rules. A panel of impartial persons will conduct judging for the Grand Award. The decision of the judges is final. All entries become the property of the Young Men's Institute

Entry Form

(Please type or print clearly)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street

\_\_\_\_\_ City or Town State Zip Code

TELEPHONE NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip Code

SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_  
YMI Member Name or Council's Name

COUNCIL # \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN ESSAY TO: Young Men's Institute  
Pro Patria Committee**  
**E-MAIL: [YMIUS@AOL.COM](mailto:YMIUS@AOL.COM)**  
**US MAIL: P.O. BOX 281047, San Francisco, CA 94128**