

Eligibility & Competition Structure

The Paul R. Kach, 33^o, Essay Competition is open to Active DeMolays from jurisdictions within DeMolay International. Submissions are judged in two divisions based on academic placement as of the deadline date for submission. One winner is selected from each division in each of DeMolay International's ten regions. Regional winners will advance to the international level of competition. One international winner will be selected in each division.

Lower Division: Tenth Grade and below

Upper Division: Eleventh Grade and above

Regional and International winners are prohibited from entering subsequent competitions in the same division.

Submission Requirements

Essays must address the published prompt for the competition year, and be submitted electronically via the approved form on www.DeMolay.org. Submissions must be submitted prior to the established deadline.

Essays must be typed, 12 point font, double-spaced, with 1" margins on all sides. The competitor's name, DeMolay ID number, Chapter name, and jurisdiction should be included on a cover page. No identifying information should appear on any other pages of the essay. Essays should be 1,000 to 1,250 words in length.

References should be properly cited using a recognized style (APA, MLA, Chicago, etc.). DeMolay reserves the right to check essay submissions for plagiarism.

Essays should be attached to the electronic entry form in Word, PDF, or Pages format.

2020 Competition Prompt

If you were to add an 8th Precept, what would it be and why?

Submission Deadline: March 1, 2020

Announcement of Winners and Disbursement of Prizes:

Regional Winners will be announced by May 1, 2020.

International Winners will be announced at the Grand Master's Banquet on June 20, 2020.

All winners will receive cash prizes by check following the announcement of the International Winners. Each Regional winner will receive \$300. International winners each receive an additional \$1,200.

Questions should be directed to Membership@DeMolay.org