

Recognition Programs

Councils are encouraged to recognize in their Council activities, and submit for State and Supreme recognition, Knights, Families, and Youth who make an outstanding contribution to their local Catholic community. Our members, their families and family members do fabulous things, and it's hard to thank them publicly and reward them for their hard work. Show your gratitude, and let the State Council say thank you as well by submitting your winner for the respective State contests. There's no better way to recognize someone who demonstrates outstanding charitable leadership. Our goal this year is to increase participation in these programs with the aim of selecting the best families, Knights, and kids throughout our state.

For Council awards, the Council's Grand Knight or Family Chairman may select the awardee, the Council might vote, or selection might be performed by committee. A Knight, Family, and Youth of the Year might be selected from the respective monthly awardees, and presented at a year-end awards event or Officers' Installation. Certificates available from the Supreme Council are 25¢ each. State Awards are selected and presented every other month, and winners receive a plaque recognizing their achievement.

Knight of the Month

Eligibility: The Knight of the Month, and Year, can be awarded to any Knight in good standing, except that State Officers, Directors, and Chairmen; District Deputies; and Grand Knights are not eligible.

Consider using the Knight of the Month certificate #1476, and Knight of the Year certificate #1545.

For State awards, please submit the online application. The application asks for a summary of the awardee's contributions to and leadership of activities which serve the Council, Church, and Community. There is no State or Supreme Knight of the Year.

Family of the Month

Eligibility: A Family of the Month, and Year, includes the Knight and at least one more immediate family member. This includes children, and/or a spouse, or perhaps a parent. Again, State Officers', Directors', and Chairmen's; District Deputies'; and Grand Knights' families are not eligible.

Consider using the Knight of the Month certificate #1843, and Knight of the Year certificate #1843-A.

For State awards, please submit the online application. The application asks for a summary of the awardee family's participation in, contributions to, and leadership of activities which serve the Council, Church, and Community. A State Family of the Year is selected from the bimonthly winners and invited to the annual state convention for presentation of their award.

Councils are encouraged to submit their Family of the Month winners to the Supreme Family of the Month contest. 100 families are selected at random every month by the Supreme Office to receive a beautiful Holy Family gift and certificate signed by the Supreme Knight. Submit form #1993A by the 15th of each month.

Youth of the Month

Eligibility: Any child under age 18, either the child of a Knight or a Columbian Squire or Columbus Girl, who remains a practical Catholic and is of good academic standing at his or her school, is eligible.

A Youth of the Month certificate is not listed; however, blank certificate #2898 is suitable.

For State awards, please submit the online application. The application asks for a summary of the youth's participation in, contributions to, and leadership of activities which serve the School, Church, and Community. A State Youth of the Year is selected from the bimonthly winners and invited to the annual state convention for presentation of the award. There is no Supreme Youth contest.

Due Dates

Applications are due on the last day of odd months (July, September, November, January, March and May) and are selected the following month. Annual winners are selected from the May 2017 – January 2018 bimonthly winners. Questions, and completed applications, are intended for Chairman Cliff Miller.