

Contest Details

- **Eligibility:** The junior essay contest invites students in grades 7-9 to participate. The senior essay contest is open to students in grades 10-12.
- **The Contest:** Essays must be 300-500 words in length, double-spaced, page-numbered, and typed using no smaller than a 12-point font. Essays should not include artwork or photos, nor be placed in a plastic cover. The student will need to cite all sources. Essays must include a cover sheet with the following information: word count, your full name, complete mailing address, phone number, grade level, date of birth, and parent name(s). Contestant and parent or guardian must confirm that the essay is original, but not copyrighted, and agree to allow National Right to Life to reprint the essay if it wins.
- **Essay Submission:** Essays **must** be mailed, and submissions should be sent to the **National Right to Life Essay Contest**, 1446 Duke St, Alexandria, VA 22314. Envelope must be postmarked between December 1, 2025, and January 22, 2026.
- **The Winner:** The national winner will receive a **\$500** prize,
- **Visit:** nrlc.org/oratorycontest for additional information.

Why Are You Pro-Life?

That's the question we're asking students across the country to answer in this year's National Right to Life Essay Contest. If you're in grades 7 to 9, enter the junior category. If you're in grades 10 to 12, enter the senior category. This contest gives you a chance to think critically, write clearly, and speak for those who cannot defend themselves. Your voice matters, and we want to hear how you arrived at your pro-life beliefs.

We're looking for students who can explain why they stand for life, and why that choice matters. Speak with clarity, write with purpose, and make your case. The world needs young people who think deeply and stand firm. Start with the truth, and write from there.