



2017 STUDENT ESSAY CONTESTS **PENNSYLVANIA STATE ESSAY CONTEST**

Written Copy Due: March 6, 2017

The 2017 Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation “Be a Voice for the Voiceless” Essay Contest is open to PA students in grades 7-12. Students must write a pro-life essay about abortion, euthanasia or stem cell research. There is a 500-word limit for essays submitted by students in grades 7-9 and a 750-word limit for students in grades 10-12.

Each essay must include a cover page with the student’s name, home address, home phone number, name of school (or the fact that the student is homeschooled) and grade. Winning essays will receive cash prizes.

Deadline for entries is **March 6, 2017**. Essays can be e-mailed to lifelines@paprolife.org or mailed to the **Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation; 4800 Jonestown Rd., Suite 102; Harrisburg, PA 17109.**

NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE ESSAY CONTEST

The National RTL Contest is open to students in grades 10-12 (Senior Essay) and grades 7-9 (Junior Essay). Prizes awarded will be: 1st Place-\$200; 2nd-\$150; 3rd-\$100 and will be awarded in each level. Essays shall be 300-500 words in length.

For more information on the rules of entering this contest, please visit the NRLC website: www.nrlc.org.

2017 STUDENT ORATORY CONTESTS **REGIONAL ORATORY CONTEST**

Written Copy Due: February 22, 2017

Regional Competition: March 5, 2017

The Citizens Concerned for Human Life Regional Oratory Contest is open to all 9th-12th grade students in **Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Mifflin and Somerset Counties.**

Students must prepare a five to seven minute pro-life talk on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia or embryonic stem cell research. Speeches must be from a pro-life perspective and delivered as written, but need not be memorized. The student may use a podium and appropriate hand gestures but may not use props.

A written copy of the speech must be emailed by **February 22, 2017** to: **Janet Creighton, contact@webparish.com**. In the email, send the following: name, address, city, county, phone, email address, school, name of parent(s)/guardian. Then call Jan, **814-623-1314**, to let her know that you emailed your entry.

Awards

Varsity (Grades 11 & 12)

1st Place \$200, 2nd \$125, 3rd \$75

Novice (Grades 9 & 10)

1st Place \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50

All regional contestants may also be a contestant for the state competition. Being a contestant for the regional competition does not automatically enroll you in the state competition. Please see the process below.

Pro-Life Dinner Invite

All regional contestants will be invited as our guests to the Bedford County Annual Pro-Life Dinner. The top two Varsity contestants will be invited to speak at the dinner.

PA STATE VIDEO/ORATORY CONTEST

PENNSYLVANIA PRO-LIFE FEDERATION

Submit video/written entry by April 10, 2017

Speak Up for Those Who Cannot Speak for Themselves!

The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation contest is open to high school juniors and seniors; a Novice Contest will be held for high school freshmen and sophomores.

Students must write and give an original 5-7 minute pro-life speech on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia or stem cell research. Students must video record the speech and submit the video and written speech to the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation by **April 10, 2017**.

Cash prizes will be awarded. In addition, **the first-place winner of the Senior High Oratory Contest will receive an expense-paid trip for the National Oratory Contest at the National Right to Life/Teens for Life Convention, June 29-July 1, 2017, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.** For complete contest rules: www.paprolife.org or call **717-541-0034**.

