



## 2021 Youth Essay Contest Guidelines

- The essay contest is open to all **7-8th grade** students in St. Joseph County and Elkhart County and all adjacent counties.
- Only one entry per student will be accepted.
- Two winners will be awarded cash prizes of \$100 each. Two runners-up will receive \$50 cash prizes.
- Entries must:
  - be 250-700 words in length, typed, and with a professional format (see sample below). Entries may exceed one page as long as the maximum word count is not exceeded.
  - include the student's name, school, grade level, and phone number in the signature.
- **In order to be considered for the scholarship**, entries must be submitted to [programs@prolifemichiana.org](mailto:programs@prolifemichiana.org) or mailed to the address listed below by April 30th.
- Send entries to us at: **Right to Life Michiana**  
**2004 Ironwood Circle, Suite 130**  
**South Bend, IN 46635**
- Winners will be notified by May 31st.



## 2021 Pro-Life Youth Essay Contest Guidelines



During the COVID-19 lockdown, nonessential medical practices were shut down all over the country. Abortion in most states however, including IN, continued. Abortionists argued that “abortion is essential healthcare”.

**Why is it inaccurate to call abortion “essential healthcare”? How can we challenge the abortion industry’s narrative that abortion is healthcare?**

### **Points to consider:**

- Look up the dictionary definition of healthcare. Does abortion fit this definition?
- Research abortion procedures. Can a process that ends a human life be considered healthcare?
- What is the effect of abortion on women who have them?
- Research the history of health and safety violations in the abortion industry. Why are such violations so prevalent?
- Until 1994, the pledge physicians took read, “I will maintain the utmost respect for human life, from the time of its conception.” Why was this line removed? How does abortion violate a doctor’s calling to heal?

**Questions? Email [programs@prolifemichiana.org](mailto:programs@prolifemichiana.org)**