



Maryland Right to Life and National Right to Life Student Essay Contest **2018**

1. Essays should address this question: *Why am I pro-life?*
2. Essays should be **submitted electronically** no later than **December 9, 2017** to **BBrown@MDRTL.org**. Word documents or PDFs (attached to an email) are required.
3. Essays must be double-spaced, and pages must be numbered.
4. Essays must be 300 – 500 words in length.
5. Essays must be typed and in font no smaller than 12-point.
6. Use a cover sheet that includes the student-contestant's full name, full mailing address, phone number, grade level, date of birth, name(s) of parent(s), name of school, and word count.
7. By submitting an entry, the student-contestant and parent(s) agree:
 - A. to allow Maryland Right to Life and National Right to Life to reprint the essay, and
 - B. that the essay is original and not copyrighted.
8. Cite any and all sources used.
9. Please do not include artwork or pictures.

Essays will be judged on originality, content, and accuracy. There will be two categories: Grades 10 – 12 and Grades 7 – 9. Make sure to indicate the student-contestant's grade level.

In *each* of the two categories, first prize is \$250, second prize is \$100, and third prize is \$50.

The first place essay from both categories in the MDRTL contest will be forwarded to the National Right to Life contest. Ranking by MDRTL judges is independent of ranking by NRLC judges. NRLC prize values may differ from MDRTL's. In late January, 2018, NRLC will judge essays from both categories submitted by students from around the nation.

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Will You Be This Year's Winner?

In 2015, John Paul Lavallee from Rockville entered Maryland Right to Life's Essay Contest. In the Grades 7 – 9 category, John Paul not only won first prize in Maryland, but his essay went on to win the National Right to Life Essay Contest!

Write for Truth! Write for Life! (And Maybe Win \$\$\$!)