



2010 JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST RULES

1. Each essay may be typed or word-processed and should be double-spaced. If handwritten, student must use pen on lined paper.
2. Each essay is to be from 300 to 600 words and must be an original composition.
3. The theme for the 7th and 8th grade essay for is:

Discuss the current trend in our culture to only want a perfect child, resulting in the abortion of unborn children with any type of abnormality. Some even advocate the elimination of already born children with disabilities. Do you know anyone who is mentally or physically imperfect, yet has many gifts to share with us? How can we, both as a society and as individuals, protect and encourage them? How can we educate society to recognize and celebrate their gifts?

4. JUDGING CRITERIA
Judges will base their decision on the overall excellence of the student's presentation. The theme should be obvious and presented in a positive way and must show an understanding of the theme. Good English expression, sentence structure, spelling and grammar are essential elements.
5. Each sponsoring organization will judge and choose **one** winning entry from all of its 7th grade entrants and **one** from all of its 8th grade entrants.
6. The winning entries must be submitted to and received by Right to Life of Indianapolis by **April 1, 2010**. Prize winners for each separate contest (7th grade and 8th grade) will be determined and announced by May 1, 2010. The sponsoring organization and the winning students will be notified.
7. PRIZES:
 - a. Every student who enters this contest will receive a "Precious Feet" pin. Each sponsoring organization should notify us of the number of participants, so that we can provide the appropriate number of pins.

- b. The winning entrant from each sponsoring organization will receive a complimentary ticket to attend the annual Right to Life of Indianapolis “Celebrate Life Banquet” to be held at the Indianapolis Convention Center in September 2010. These students will be recognized at the banquet.
 - c. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners as follows:
 - Grand prize..... \$250.00 and engraved plaque
 - Second place.....\$200.00 and engraved plaque
 - Third place.....\$150.00 and engraved plaque
 - Fourth place.....\$100.00 and engraved plaque
 - Fifth place.....\$ 50.00 and engraved plaque
 - d. Right to Life of Indianapolis will award an Educational Grant in the amount of \$250.00 to the sponsoring organization of the Grand Prize winner. If the Grand Prize winner is home schooled, this award will go to the local, state or national home school organization of the winner’s choice.
8. Resource material for essays may be found in many good web sites, such as:
- American Life League www.all.org
 - Americans United for Life www.unitedforlife.org
 - National Right to Life www.nrlc.org
 - Life Issues www.lifeissues.org
 - Indiana Right to Life www.indianalife.org
 - Indianapolis Catholic Archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities
www.archindy.org
(Scroll to Pro-Life Activities to visit links)

For questions or to request literature or additional information, please call Right to Life of Indianapolis at 317-582-1526 or email us at life@rtlindy.org.