



**RIGHT TO LIFE OF INDIANAPOLIS
JOAN BYRUM PRO-LIFE SCHOLARSHIP**

APPLICATION FOR 2026 SCHOLARSHIP

To be completed by applicant:

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent's Name: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Student's Cell: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Attending High School: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Graduation Date: _____

College * _____

Check all that apply: Applied Accepted Enrolled

College Address: _____

College Phone: (____) _____

Planned field of study: _____

* Please list first choice college here. If you have not been accepted and/or enrolled, list other colleges where you have applied on separate paper.

I plan to attend college next semester.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 1, 2026. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2026 and mailed to:

Right to Life of Indianapolis
Attn: Scholarship Competition
1060 East 86th Street, Suite 61B
Indianapolis, IN 46240.

Applications submitted/postmarked after the April 1, 2026 deadline will not be reviewed.

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Application Guidelines

This \$1000 Scholarship is offered annually by Right to Life of Indianapolis, Inc. to assist students who are committed to the pro-life philosophy.

The following criteria will be considered by a selection committee of judges:

1. Applicants must be a senior graduating from high school (home schooled students are eligible) in the current school year and have applied to a two- or four-year college and then been accepted and will enroll by May 1, 2026.
2. Applicants must have demonstrated dedicated pro-life activity and attitudes during his/her high school years and a commitment to a continued involvement in pro-life activities in college.
3. Applicants must be a resident of Marion County or any of its contiguous counties.
4. Applicants can be but are not required to be a member of a high school Teens for Life / pro-life club.
5. Applicants must provide two Recommendation Forms completed by adults (non-relatives) who are familiar with their pro-life involvement and attitudes. These could be a pastor, youth minister, pro-life club sponsor, teacher, guidance counselor or other adult familiar with the applicant's pro-life activities and convictions.

APPLICATION PROCESS

A complete application is due on **April 1, 2026**, and consists of:

1. A complete application form signed by the applicant.
2. An ESSAY/STATEMENT (not to exceed 2 to 3 typed double-spaced pages) from the applicant describing how specific pro-life activities during high school have affected the applicant's beliefs and philosophy and how it relates to his/her personal life mission. Applicant should give a description of his/her commitment to continue to support life issues throughout college.
3. ACTIVITIES FORM. A complete list of activities, experiences and volunteering during high school, particularly the extent of participation and involvement in pro-life and teens for life activities, including dates, hours per week, leadership and awards.
4. TWO RECOMMENDATION FORMS (completed by two adults as explained in #5 above). Return these forms with the application in sealed envelopes signed across the seal or ask each adult to mail it directly to the RTLI office postmarked by the April 1, 2026 deadline.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. The applicant will be judged on his/her outstanding achievements in and dedication to the protection of all human life. His/her pro-life efforts can be in volunteering, organizing, fundraising, advocacy, education, prayer, or service (for pregnant women and their children, the disabled or the elderly), a combination of any or all, or any other involvement that promotes the mission and goals of Right to Life of Indianapolis, Inc.
The mission of Right to Life of Indianapolis is to promote respect for the worth and dignity of all human life, including the lives of the unborn from the moment of conception, and the disabled and the elderly, until their natural death.
2. The selection committee will consider the applicant's participation and involvement in pro-life activities, the attitudes, abilities and leadership qualities he/she demonstrates that show a respect for all life and the commitment to continue his/her involvement throughout his/her college education.

Additional information may be requested and required from the applicant.

The \$1000 Scholarship will be awarded in May 2026. The winner shall provide at that time the name of the college that he/she will be attending if not indicated and known at the time of the application.

If you have any questions, please contact the
Right to Life of Indianapolis office:

Phone: 317.582.1526
E-mail: life@rtlindy.org

**RIGHT TO LIFE OF INDIANAPOLIS PRO-LIFE SCHOLARSHIP
*ACTIVITIES FORM***

Applicant's Name: _____

Complete below a record of your participation in pro-life activities, Teens for Life club / pro-life activities, volunteer experiences, extracurricular school activities, and work experiences during your high school years. Indicate any areas of leadership or awards received if relevant. Additional pages may be added if needed. Attach your personal resume if desired.

Pro-Life/Teens for Life Activities: Dates/ Hours per Awards/Areas of
 Year Week Leadership

- 1.) _____
- 2.) _____
- 3.) _____
- 4.) _____
- 5.) _____
- 6.) _____
- 7.) _____

Volunteer Experiences/Activities: Dates/ Hours per Awards/Areas of
(Indicate if pro-life). Year Week Leadership

- 1.) _____
- 2.) _____
- 3.) _____
- 4.) _____
- 5.) _____

Extracurricular/School Activities: Dates/ Hours per Awards/Areas of
 Year Week Leadership

- 1.) _____
- 2.) _____
- 3.) _____
- 4.) _____
- 5.) _____

Work Experience (Optional): Dates/ Hours per Job
 Year Week Responsibilities

- 1.) _____
- 2.) _____

RIGHT TO LIFE OF INDIANAPOLIS PRO-LIFE SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM

To be completed by pastor, principal, youth minister, Teens for Life club sponsor, teacher, guidance counselor, campus minister or other adult (not a relative) familiar with the applicant's pro-life activities and convictions.

It is not required that all the following areas be completed for the applicant to obtain a scholarship award, but it will be helpful in the determination of an award. Use additional pages if needed.

Name of Student Applicant: _____

Your Name _____

Title/Position _____

High School/Church (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Cell phone _____ E-mail _____

1. How long and in what capacity have you known this student?

2. Please circle the number that best reflects the student's abilities/acknowledgements in each of the following categories.

Unable to Judge Poor Fair Good Excellent Outstanding

Pro-life Involvement	unsure	1	2	3	4	5
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Pro-life Attitudes	unsure	1	2	3	4	5
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Ability to influence others	unsure	1	2	3	4	5
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Leadership Qualities	unsure	1	2	3	4	5
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Academic Achievements	unsure	1	2	3	4	5
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Volunteer Service	unsure	1	2	3	4	5
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Applicant's Name: _____ (page 2)

3. What distinguishes this student's pro-life commitment and involvement from other teens? Give specific examples of activities they organized or participated in that show this:

4. Summarize the applicant's strengths particularly in their pro-life commitment giving examples if possible:

5. Has this student demonstrated the motivation and discipline required for intellectual pursuits? Provide specific examples.

Based on your knowledge of the student, please indicate your overall recommendation for this scholarship.

Highly recommend Recommend
 Recommend with reservations Cannot recommend at this time

Signature _____

Please return this recommendation/evaluation to the applicant in a business envelope with your signature across the seal prior to April 1, 2026, deadline or mail directly to the Right to Life of Indianapolis office indicated below.

Recommendation must be postmarked by April 1, 2026

Right to Life of Indianapolis, Inc.
Attn: Scholarship Recommendation
1060 East 86th Street, Suite 61B
Indianapolis, IN 46240

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