

PRO-LIFE ESSAY CONTEST

General Diocesan Guidelines

Be sure to check your particular Diocese for further submission and mailing instructions

<http://www.lincolndiocese.org>

<http://archomaha.org>

<http://gidiocese.org>

*This is a **Nebraska Catholic Conference** program with the entries being judged by an NCC committee. Only the prize money, to support these youth and their sponsoring Schools/Religious Formation classes, is coming from the Culture of Life Foundation.*

Who Is Eligible? ALL Students (Grades 7-11)

Submission Dates: TBD - Essay submissions are usually due in late March. **Contact your diocesan Pro Life office** for exact date and submission address.

Where to Send: Contact your diocesan Family Life Director.

THEME: *Contact your diocesan Family Life Director.*

RULES AND SUBMISSION DIRECTIONS:

1. Entries should be typed and between 300-400 words, and printed only on one side of paper.
2. Plagiarism disqualifies an entry and all quotations and usage of facts must be cited.
3. Do *not* include name, etc. on the *front* of the essays as they will be photocopied and given to the judges.
4. Print, complete, and attach the identification form found at the end of this form and attach it to the back of the entry.
5. Any violation of the rules and submission directions shall disqualify an entry.

JUDGING WILL BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. Understanding of the particular pro-life message
2. Clarity and persuasiveness in communicating the message
3. Creativity and originality
4. Grammar and spelling

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRIZES FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL:

Winners will be notified by email and/or mail, and funds awarded in the fall of the year.

Each grade will have their own winner for a total of five winners. Each winner will receive \$150, with the sponsoring school also receiving \$150.

Instructions for Teachers: Submit no more than 3 entries from your classroom or from each section of a particular class.

*Print legibly and attach the form below to the **back** of the entry*

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

Parish/Town: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____