



### **PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES**

- Write an original 300 to 500-word essay addressing the question: Why are you pro-life?
- Do NOT put your name, school or church name, or any other personal information in the body of your essay. Enter your name and other personal information only on the designated fields on the cover letter.
- STAY ON TOPIC: abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, and/or physician assisted suicide
- Proofread carefully as your essay will be judged not only on the topic, but also on creativity, spelling, punctuation, and grammar.
- Sources used in the essay must have citations. Attribute quotes and any ideas that are not your own within the body of the essay.
- Credit will be given for evidence of research and in-depth knowledge of pro-life issues. The following websites should be considered for research: [aaplog.org](http://aaplog.org), [abortionresearch.us](http://abortionresearch.us), [bcpinstitute.org](http://bcpinstitute.org), [liveaction.org](http://liveaction.org), [nrlc.org](http://nrlc.org), [prolifefuture.org/terms-papers-topics/](http://prolifefuture.org/terms-papers-topics/), [standupgirl.com](http://standupgirl.com), [studentsforlife.org](http://studentsforlife.org), [wecareexperts.com](http://wecareexperts.com), [wvforlife.org](http://wvforlife.org)
- Do not include illustrations, graphics, or diagrams.
- Essays must be typed using no smaller than 12 pt font, must be double spaced, and pages numbered.
- The cover letter must include: full name and address, phone number, grade level, student's date of birth, parents name, word count of essay, and if applicable, the name of teacher or pastor who assigned the essay.
- Student must be a WV resident.
- In submitting an entry, the contestant and parent agree to allow West Virginians for Life to reprint the winning essays. Winners will be required to submit essays via email for publication in West Virginians for Life's newsletter, *Life Matters*. Winning essays will automatically be submitted to the National Right to Life 2018 Essay Contest for consideration for additional prizes.
- Students must submit their essay by mail between October 1, 2017 and November 1, 2017. Entries postmarked after November 1, 2017, will not qualify or be considered.
- Essays are to be mailed to: West Virginians for Life, 25 Canyon Road, Morgantown, WV 26508

Announcements of the winning essays will be made at the beginning of the new year. For more information, contact [wvteensforlife@yahoo.com](mailto:wvteensforlife@yahoo.com) or (304) 594-9845.