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**RIGHT TO LIFE OF INDIANAPOLIS
2017 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 themes for the junior high essays are:

7th Grade Essay Question

Name a famous person who is advocates for the right to life. Write about what they have done to defend life and to help change the culture in the city, the state, or country where they live.

8th Grade Essay Question

Considering the physically or intellectually disabled at any stage of life how can we as a society or as individuals protect, help, and cherish them? What lessons about the right to life can we learn from them?

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.** Home schooled students should submit their essay to a sponsoring group to be judged and submitted.
6. The winning entries must be submitted to and received by Right to Life of Indianapolis office by **April 1, 2017**. The winners for the 7th and 8th grade contests will be determined and announced by May 1, 2017. The contact person of 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 top 5 winners in these contests will each receive a complimentary ticket to attend the annual Right to Life of Indianapolis “Celebrate Life Banquet” to be held at the J.W. Marriott in Indianapolis on Tuesday, October 3, 2017. These students will be recognized at the banquet.
- c. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners as follows:

Grand prize.....	\$250.00 and certificate
Second place.....	\$200.00 and certificate
Third place.....	\$150.00 and certificate
Fourth place...	\$100.00 and certificate
Fifth place...	\$ 50.00 and certificate
- 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:

- Abort73 www.abort73.com
- AbortionDocs www.abortiondocs.org
- 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
- Live Action www.liveaction.org
- Indiana Right to Life www.irtl.org
- Indianapolis Catholic Archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life and Family Life
www.archindy.org/plfl
- Right to Life of Indianapolis www.rtindy.org
- Students for Life of America www.studentsforlife.org

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.

**RIGHT TO LIFE OF INDIANAPOLIS
2017 JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ESSAY CONTESTS**

What: Junior High School Essay Contest

When: Entry Deadline: **April 1, 2017**

Who: All 7th and 8th grade students
Private, public and home school students

Each student entry must have a sponsoring organization, such as:

Church

School

Home School Organization

The sponsoring organization must be located in Marion County or one of the seven bordering counties. We are asking for a **contact person** with each entry.

Each sponsoring organization will select **one** winning entry from its 7th grade entrants and **one** from its 8th grade entrants. **ONLY ONE** winning essay from each level should be sent by April 1, 2017 to:

Right to Life of Indianapolis
Essay Contest
1060 East 86th Street Suite 61B
Indianapolis, Indiana 46240

Please label each winning entry as follows:

**RIGHT TO LIFE OF INDIANAPOLIS
JUNIOR HIGH ESSAY CONTESTS 2017**

STUDENT NAME _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE (____) _____ **H** () _____ **C**

GRADE LEVEL _____ **Parent's Name** _____

Check only one sponsoring organization:

! **CHURCH NAME** _____

! **SCHOOL NAME** _____

! **SPONSORING ORGANIZATION** _____

Teacher/Contact person _____

Contact person's phone _____

Contact person's e-mail _____