



## Essay Contest 2025

### COVER PAGE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School or Homeschool: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (Circle): 9    10    11    12

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about the contest? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Entry Deadline: JANUARY 13, 2025**

- Cover sheet and Entry Essay may be submitted one of these 3 ways
- (1) USPS mail (but must be received by Rise Up For Life by Jan 13)
  - (2) into the mail drop box at 108 N. LaGrange, Hallettsville
  - (3) by email to: [jerrytanner4190@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jerrytanner4190@sbcglobal.net) .

*Direct questions or comments to: Jerry Tanner, 361 522 5308 Chairman Rise Up For Life*



## Essay Contest Rules

### High School Essay Contest

Address the question - "What are the rights of the Preborn and When do they begin?" in an essay 150-300 words in length.

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Follow this PROTOCOL for your essay:

- a. Essay is double spaced
- b. Pages are numbered
- c. Font is Times New Roman, 12 pt.
- d. Title is centered at top of the first page
- e. Author's name is not shown on the essay
- f. Cover sheet with name and contact information on the separate form
- g. Essays will be judged on:
  - Statement of Purpose
  - Development of Idea
  - Conclusion
  - Following PROTOCOL
  - Grammar/spelling
  - Creativity

By submitting an entry, the contestant and parent agree:

- a. To allow Rise Up 4 Life, Lavaca, to reprint the essay;
- b. That the essay is original, but not copyrighted; and
- c. That the essay has not been submitted to any other Rise Up 4 Life contest.

Sources used for the essay must be cited.

Essays will be judged on originality, content, and accuracy. Your essay should be focused on speaking to people who are **not** pro-life. Please be mindful of your word choice. We want to communicate the truth that abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, and embryonic stem cell research are unequivocally wrong and take innocent lives, but we want to do so in a manner that will build bridges of communication. For example, using terms such as “baby killers” can often erect barriers rather than facilitate discussion and change. Please strive to communicate the truth but with grace and love.

Participant must reside in Lavaca County, Texas.

Winner will be notified and invited to read essays at the January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Rally.

Awards: \$500. First place \$200 second place

### Scoring Sheet For Judges

Statement of Purpose	0	1	2	3	4	5
Development of Idea	0	1	2	3	4	5
Conclusion	0	1	2	3	4	5
Follow Protocol	0	1	2	3	4	5
Grammar/Spelling	0	1	2	3	4	5
Creativity	0	1	2	3	4	5
Sub Total						
Total Score						

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