



## Maryland Right to Life and National Right to Life Student Essay Contest 2019

1. Essays should address this question: *Why am I pro-life?*
2. Essays should be **submitted electronically** no later than **January 12, 2019** to **BBrown@MDRTL.org**. Word documents or PDFs (attached to an email) are required.
3. Essays must be double-spaced, and pages must be numbered.
4. Essays must be 300 – 500 words in length.
5. Essays must be typed and in font no smaller than 12-point.
6. Use a **cover sheet** that includes the student-contestant's full name, full mailing address, phone number, grade level, date of birth, name(s) of parent(s), name of school, and word count.
7. By submitting an entry, the student-contestant and parent(s) agree:
  - A. to allow Maryland Right to Life and National Right to Life to reprint the essay, and
  - B. that the essay is original and not copyrighted.
8. Cite any and all sources used.
9. Please do not include artwork or pictures.

Essays will be judged on originality, content, and accuracy. There are two categories: Grades 7 – 9 and Grades 10 – 12. Make sure to indicate the student-contestant's grade level.

In *each* of the two categories, first prize is \$200, second prize is \$100, and third prize is \$50.

The first place essay from both categories in the MDRTL contest will be forwarded to the National Right to Life contest. NRLC will judge essays from both categories submitted by students from around the nation. Ranking by MDRTL judges is independent of ranking by NRLC judges. NRLC prize values may differ from MDRTL's.

Contact Bob Brown at [BBrown@MDRTL.org](mailto:BBrown@MDRTL.org) for more information.

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### Will You Be This Year's Winner?

In 2015, John Paul Lavallee (pictured here) from Rockville won first prize in Maryland Right to Life's Essay Contest for Grades 7 – 9 category. His essay went on to win the National Right to Life Essay Contest!

In 2018, Noelle McDowell matched John's feats, and Maura Cusick, who won MDRTL's contest for Grades 10 – 12, placed third in the national contest.