



THE
HOUSTON COALITION
FOR LIFE - GENERATION VITAE

LEARN *for Life*

Scholarship Contest

Write an essay entitled:

"The Problem with Abortion"

Grades 6 - 8

1st Place = \$1,000

2nd Place = \$500

Grades 9 - 12

1st Place = \$1,000

2nd Place = \$500

HOUSTON COALITION FOR LIFE is presenting the **Learn for Life** Scholarship Contest for both Middle School and High School students to work towards our vision of building a community that loves, respects, and protects every human life from conception until natural death.

To work towards this vision, we must inspire young people to think critically and coherently articulate their pro-life values. The contest will be judged by Generation Vitae, Houston Coalition for Life's group of young adults. We are calling on pro-life middle school and high school students to submit an essay entitled

"The Problem with Abortion"

Contest winners will be notified by April 2nd, 2026 and will be presented their award at Houston Coalition for Life's 2026 Annual Benefit Dinner, date TBD (usually late April or early May).

All middle and high school students in Houston or surrounding cities are eligible to compete. Only one submission per person is permitted. By entering the contest, you confirm that the essay submission is your own original creation.

Submissions Due: FEBRUARY 12, 2026

See full instructions on back!

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE?

All pro-life middle school students (*6th - 8th grade*) and high school students (*9th - 12th grade*) in Houston or its surrounding cities are eligible to compete for this scholarship. Only one submission per student is allowed. By entering this contest, you confirm that the essay submission is your own original creation.

WHAT ARE THE AWARDS?

The 1st place winner of the middle school division and the high school division will each be awarded with a \$1,000 scholarship. The 2nd place winner of the middle school division and the high school division will each be awarded with a \$500 scholarship.

GENERAL RULES:

1. Contestants must compose their work with limited guidance from others.
2. Houston Coalition for Life will have the right to edit, publish, or otherwise duplicate work entered into the contest without payment to the creator.

CONTEST RULES:

1. Each entry must include the contestant's name, grade, and school/church.
2. Essays must include at least 500 words but no more than 1,000 words. This does not include the title, bibliography, endnotes, or footnotes.
3. Any quotations or copyrighted material used in an essay must be identified properly.

JUDGING:

Members of Generation Vitae, Houston Coalition for Life's young adult group, will score each submission on a scale from 1 - 10 on these factors:

1. Interpretation of the topic (*The Problem with Abortion*)
2. Level of originality and/or creativity
3. Quality of the piece

HOW TO ENTER:

Submit essay entries by email to alexandra@houstoncoalition.com with the subject line "**Learn for Life Scholarship Contest**" by **4:00 PM on February 12, 2026**.

Please indicate whether the submission is for the middle school or high school division.

For questions, please call (713) 395-1330

or email Christine Melchor at christine@houstoncoalition.com

or Alexandra Sizemore at alexandra@houstoncoalition.com

NOTIFICATION OF THE WINNERS:

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