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2023 HIGH SCHOOL Pro-Life ORATORY COMPETITION

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Research one of the life issues below and make a 5-7 minute pro-life presentation before a panel of judges

abortion * euthanasia * infanticide * stem cell research

Local contest Prizes
\$250 \$100 \$50

State contest prizes
\$750 \$375 \$150

National Contest Prizes
\$1,000 \$750 \$500

REGISTRATION FORM

Please return by April 14, 2023 to:

Tennessee Right to Life * PO Box 5218 * Knoxville, TN 37928-0218

Fax 865-689-4508 * trlknox@prolifeknox.com

(Please Print)

NAME: _____ GRADE _____

Parents' Names _____

Address/City/State/Zip _____

Phone: _____ Birthdate: _____ Email: _____

School Name: _____ School phone: _____

Student signature: _____

Parent signature: _____

TOPIC: (Circle one) **Abortion** **Infanticide** **Euthanasia** **Stem Cell Research**

Registration deadline: **Friday, April 14, 2023**

Competition Date: **Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

Location: Office of Tennessee Right to Life, 3214 Tazewell Pike, Knoxville, TN

For more information, contact Tennessee Right to Life at 689-1339 or trlknox@prolifeknox.com

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2023 Oratory Contest FAQ

Who is eligible to participate?

Grades 9 through 12 students are able to participate locally and at the state level, but only Grades 11 and 12 are able to participate at the national level.

When/Where are the local and state contests?

The Knox County Chapter contests will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at the office of Tennessee Right to Life, 3214 Tazewell Pike, Knoxville TN. The state contest will be held in the Nashville area May 6, 2023. THE WINNER OF THE KNOX COUNTY CHAPTER CONTEST WILL BE ASKED TO ATTEND THE STATE COMPETITION ON May 6th.

Where can students obtain resource materials for their chosen topics?

Our Knoxville Right to life Office has a library of materials to lend, along with free brochures on every topic. In addition you may want to use the following web sites: www.nrlc.org and www.tnrtl.org for extensive information on aspects of the topics.

What are the rules concerning speeches?

1. Contestants are to research, write and present an original pro-life speech on abortion, infanticide, stem cell research, or euthanasia. Students may not use the same speech from a previous year. Judging criteria include introduction, content, presentation, conclusion and judges' overall opinions.
2. Because the speech is to be an oration, appropriate gestures are allowed. The style and speech type should be appropriate to the message, but the speech may not be a dramatic presentation (i.e. portrayal of baby in the womb, etc.). Quotes are acceptable, but should not dominate the speech. Props are not permitted.
3. Speeches are to be 5-7 minutes. Disqualifications will occur if the speech is under 4 or over 8 minutes at the state or national level.
4. When using statistics, contestants should make sure to use the most current information available.
5. **A preview of the speech should be emailed to the office for review by Friday, April 14, 2023. Students may still change the speech before the contest.**

What are the prizes?

Knox County Chapter will award \$250, \$100, and \$50 for the top three winners. In addition to the cash prizes, a special gift will be given to all participants. The State awards will be \$500, \$250 and \$100 respectively. The National level awards will be \$1000, \$750, \$500 and \$250.

Must speeches be memorized?

Though encouraged, memorization at the local and state level is not required, and it is acceptable for contestants to use notes or refer to their written speeches if necessary. At the national level, speeches must be memorized.

Where can I get additional registration forms and more information?

For additional forms or more information contact Tennessee Right to Life: 865-689-1339 or trlknox@prolifeknox.com or www.proLIFEknox.org